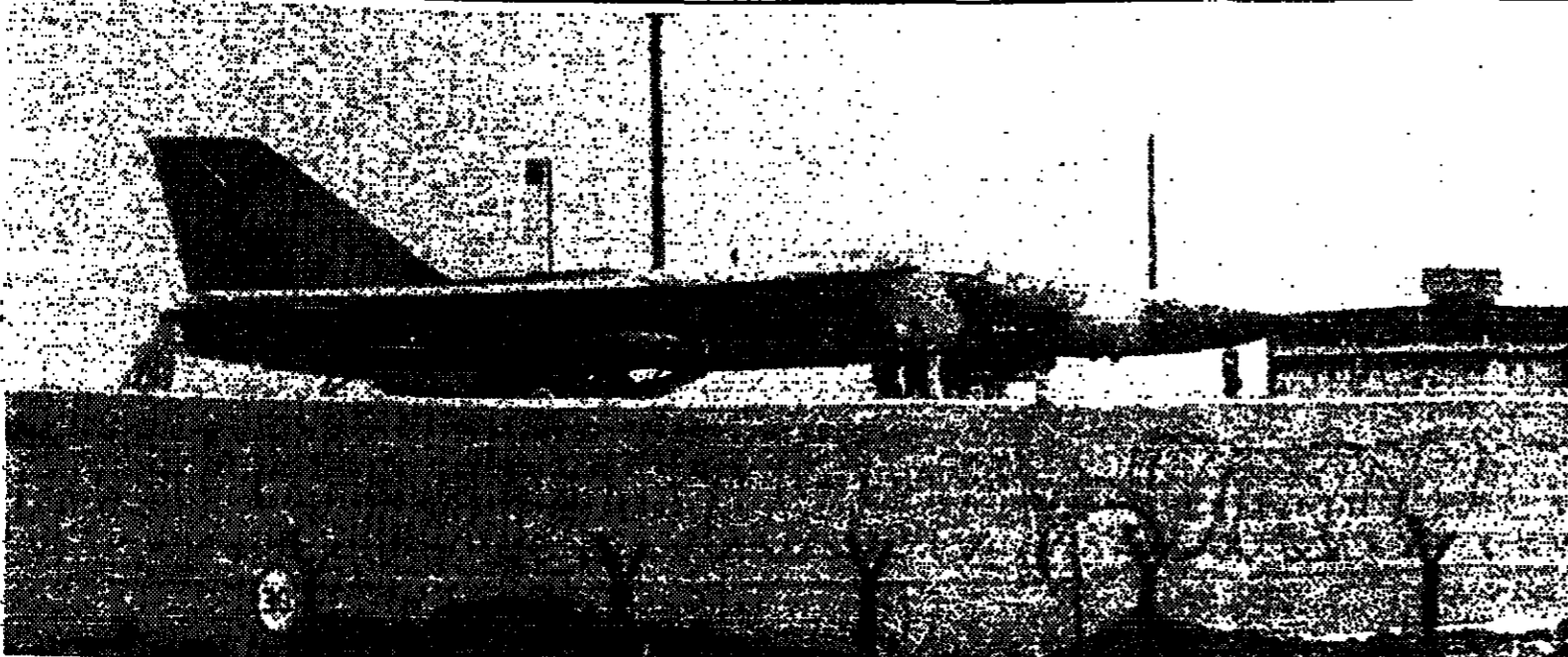


LIBYA CRISIS 1 ● Security alert ● Pilot's mission ● Reprisal fears ● Envoy's warning



One of 20 F-111s which took off from Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, yesterday (Photograph: Julian Herbert).



The crew of one of 16 F-111s which landed at USAF Lakenheath, Suffolk, early yesterday after the raid.

Britain 'could be target for attacks'

Britain could be a target for Libyan attacks as a result of allowing United States planes to bomb Libya from bases in Britain, the Libyan representative to Britain said yesterday.

Mr Salam Msalam said: "I'm not going to say whether or not Britain will be a target, but before this attack, the leader of the revolution (Colonel Gaddafi) said that any Mediterranean country whose bases are used for aggression against Libya will be a military target."

However, Mr Msalam did rule out any reprisals against Britain or other foreign nationals, including Americans, living in Libya.

Mr Msalam came to Britain to look after Libyans after the death of WPC Yvonne Fletcher in St James's Square.

Bombing worries air base villagers

Misgivings about the US decision to bomb Tripoli were being felt yesterday in the villages which surround the American air base at Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire, from which several of the US planes took off (Paul Valley writes).

Many local residents, even those who said they understood the need for action against Libya, doubted the wisdom of the bombing and expressed fears that their homes could become targets for terrorist reprisals.

People are afraid. Any facility used by American servicemen in Britain may now be considered a target. Mrs Barbara Gibson, postmistress of Upper Heyford, said: "Landlords of several public houses used by Americans said they intend to increase security." In the light of the Berlin disco bomb, it is a very real fear.

Police put on alert for reprisals in Britain

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Police and security experts are assessing the possibility of Libyan reprisals in Britain and protection for potential targets is being tightened, from the US Embassy to sections of Heathrow Airport.

As extra armed officers were brought on patrol, one defence expert canvassed the suggestion yesterday that Libya might use the Provisional IRA as proxy bombers because the Irish terrorists could owe Libya a debt for past training. But a senior Scotland Yard source discounted the use of the IRA and pointed instead to a number of radical Arab regimes which might help the Libyans.

The suggestion of an IRA involvement was made by Mr Robert Elliot, of the Institute for Strategic Studies, who noted that Colonel Gaddafi had trained, armed and financed the IRA.

Police intelligence, however, suggests that the relationship between Libya and IRA has soured. Also, an attack on US targets in Britain would rebound against the IRA in the United States, where they have received considerable finance for arms.

Yesterday, senior Special Branch officers were in conference much of the day discussing the prospects for terrorist reprisals as the specialist Middle East anti-terrorist intelligence desk within Special

'We were right', flyer says

"We did a good job, we did what we had to do. How else do you deal with a guy like Gaddafi?"

The words of an American tanker pilot who flew from Mildenhall, Suffolk, to refuel F-111 fighters in the attack on Tripoli and Benghazi, sum up the reaction of the United States airmen in Britain (Colin Hughes writes).

The pilot said: "This mission was the greatest thrill of my life. It is what we were trained to do, and here we were

doing the real job. I can tell you that the guys who didn't fly were jealous."

When he arrived from Washington State in the north-west United States three days ago in a KC125 tanker aircraft, the pilot thought he would take part in exercises.

"No one was told that we were flying to Libya until late last night, just before we actually went."

He said each F-111 needed seven or eight refuellings and that they had "probably"

flown through the Strait of Gibraltar. "Our crew never got to see Libya. We stood off the coast waiting for the fighters, and helped the last ones out to return to England."

Sitting in a Mildenhall motel bar, he added: "Even in America before I left I would say that opinion was 50/50 about whether the President's attitude was right, if we should go in there or not. But we are servicemen, we have to do our job, and it was right to do that."

Mr Hardy deftly demonstrates that there's more to a Merlin phone system than meets the ear.

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Since his childhood, Ernest Hardy had inspired something close to awe in ordinary mortals. His twin attributes of rare vision and uncanny judgement manifested themselves as enviable good fortune. And the potency of these rare gifts was apparent today in the magnitude of Hardy's success.

possible for several data signals to share a single phone line. Oh yes", said Hardy. "With a Merlin

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INTEGRATION AT ITS MOST INTIMATE

"But the abundance of our data demands something even better." Hardy led the graduate to a room at the end of the corridor and flung open a door. "Here is everything we have talked about in a single unit. The Merlin IT440 from British Telecom. Voice, data and text all over the phone lines. Behold a fully integrated system."

The young man turned to look at Hardy. The IT440 was a truly remarkable system and he was a considerably wiser graduate than before. He was beginning to realise why they said Hardy had vision.



Datelnets system from British Telecom you'll find you have plenty of room for data."

THE LONG AND SHORT OF DATA TRANSMISSION

Hardy continued, "For short distances, say up to 10 kilometres or just around the building, a Merlin Datelnets system is ideal. But the phone lines don't stop at the front door, do they?"

The young graduate shook his head, following Hardy along the corridor. "And so we have a

PLENTY OF ROOM FOR DATA

"Tell me, Mr Hardy," asked an over-zealous young graduate as Hardy swept through the office, "what sort of phone system do we have here?" Hardy stopped dead in his tracks.

"A Merlin IT440 from British Telecom," Hardy wondered if the question was born of genuine interest or idle flattery. "And there's a lot more to the IT440 than meets the ear", he continued, "Let me explain. Traditionally, we use the phone system for speech, but the fact is that speech occupies only a fraction of a phone line's capacity. Human speech is of low frequency whereas data can be transmitted at much higher frequencies. The two can thus share the same phone line in perfect harmony."

"Without interference?" asked the graduate timidly.

Hardy smiled benevolently. "Without interference. In fact, it's

Pilots vote to ban airports

An instant ban on airports, airlines or countries involved in future acts of terrorism was agreed by the 60,000-strong International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations, in London yesterday.

Any further acts of terrorism would risk pilots refusing to fly to offending countries or to airports from which terrorist acts originated. Efforts will be made to bring other world aviation staff organizations into line, Captain Reg Smith, of Canada, the IFALPA president, declared after the plenary session of delegates from 66 countries.

Total support from British pilots was given by Captain Mike Clarke, chairman of British Airline Pilots Association (BALPA).

IFALPA had set up a special panel to deal quickly with terrorist situations as they arose. Captain Smith said, but no action had yet been decided in Libya's case.

Prisoners' wives wait in fear

The wife of a British engineer jailed by Colonel Gaddafi's Revolutionary Committee Courts, spoke yesterday of her fears for her husband's safety.

Mrs Grace Maxwell, aged 38, said from her home in Glasgow: "I couldn't believe it when I heard the news about the American action. I just hope it doesn't have an adverse effect on Bob's chances of an early release."

Mr Bob Maxwell was put under house arrest in 1980 and a year and a half later was jailed for 12 years for espionage. The Libyans said he had leaked secrets in return for bribes. He denied all charges.

The wife of an engineer jailed in Libya was also anxiously waiting for news yesterday.

Mr Michael King, aged 34, of Auchtarmachty, Fife, is serving five years for allegedly possessing cannabis.

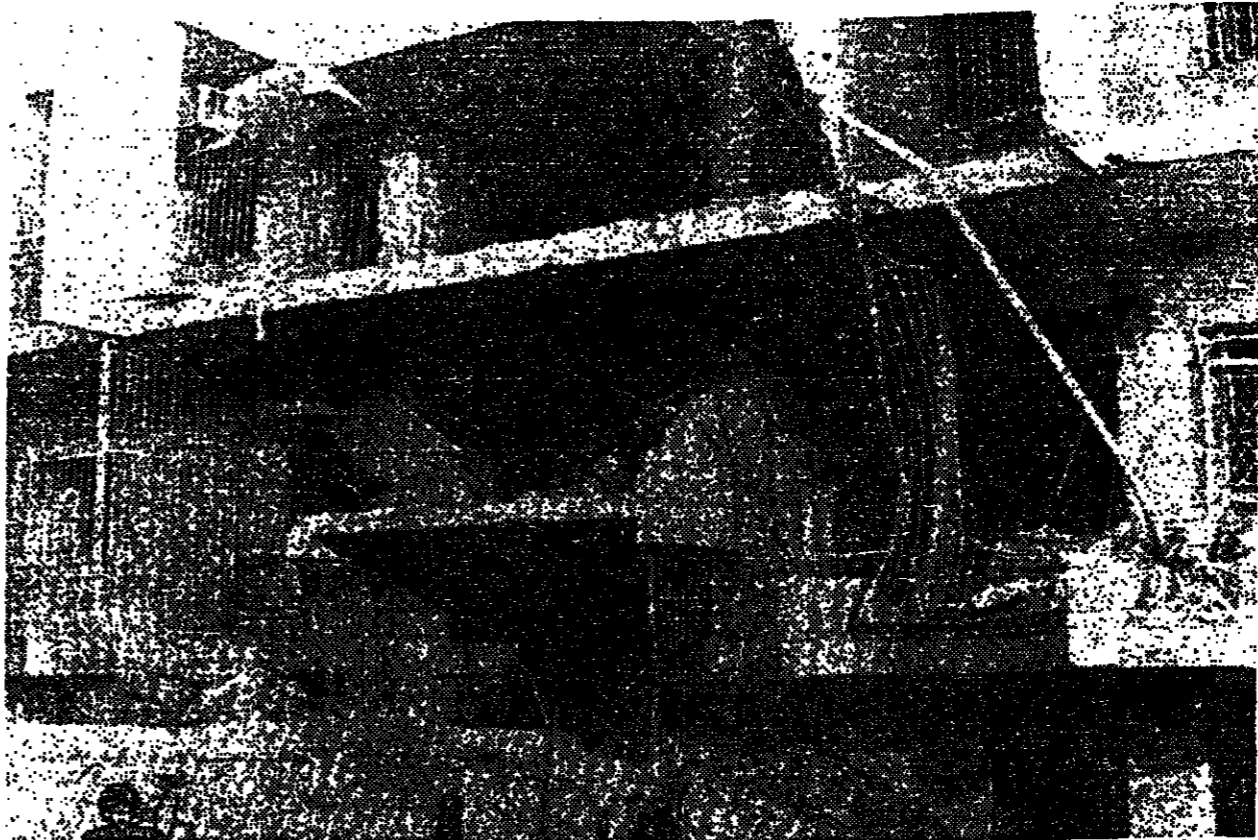
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LIBYA CRISIS 2 ● Europeans angry ● Reagan explains ● Bomber lands in Spain



Libyan searching through the rubble of homes destroyed during yesterday morning's American air raid on Tripoli.



French Embassy in Tripoli, damaged by the bombing

'Slap in the face' dismays and angers European politicians

From Richard Owen Brussels

There was widespread dismay and even anger among European states yesterday over the American bombing raids on Tripoli and Benghazi...

The EEC

account of the reasons for the American action yesterday by Mr David Ashby...

Greece

Moderate criticism reflects new mood

From Mario Modiano Athens

Greece yesterday deplored the American attack on Libya and called for an emergency meeting of European foreign ministers...

Spain

F 111 in emergency landing at joint base near Cadiz

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

One of the US F 111 bombers which left from Britain for the attack on Tripoli made an emergency landing a few hours later at the US-Spanish air and naval base of Rota...

Why Nato allies could be left in the dark

From Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

The American F 111 aircraft in Britain and the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean belong to the category of 'Nato assigned or earmarked forces'...

The World

Arabs rally round Gadaffi

By Our Foreign Staff

Arab nations rallied round Tripoli as concern heightened yesterday over the security of American and Western nationals throughout the Middle East...

Italy

Rome says US risks fanaticism

From Peter Nichols Rome

The shock felt in Italy after the American attack was expressed by Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister...

France

Airspace denial confirmed

From Diana Geddes Paris

French police were given orders yesterday to increase surveillance on American and British interests in the wake of the American bombardment of Libya...

West Germany

Kohl stops just short of praise

From Our Correspondent Bonn

Most West German political leaders other than Chancellor Kohl criticized or condemned the American attack yesterday...

Concern of ministers stated in The Hague

diplomatic and consular missions

The following is the text of the communiqué issued by EEC foreign ministers to Reuters after their meeting in The Hague on Monday...

Libyan threats unacceptable

3. The Twelve are convinced that terrorist attacks do not serve whatever political cause the perpetrators claim to be furthering...

Reagan tells Americans attack is justified by evidence

Gadaffi's reign of terror. The evidence is now conclusive that the terrorist bombing of La Belle discotheque was planned and executed under direct orders of the Libyan regime...

Great success of mission

indiscriminate casualties. Libya's agents then planted the bomb.

On April 4, the People's Bureau alerted Tripoli that the attack would be carried out the following morning. The next day they reported back to Tripoli on the great success of their mission...

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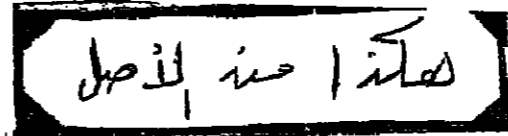
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LIBYA CRISIS 3

How the Americans struck in the night

Bombers hit sleeping city before a shot can be fired by defenders

The air strike on Tripoli

They came without warning over the brilliantly lit city. In novels they howl or shriek, but in the windy darkness yesterday morning the Americans just arrived in an explosion of sound so enormous that the detonation of their bombs was almost inaudible.

The first tremendous bang had that special precision about it that one is supposed to associate with Western technology. My watch showed precisely two o'clock.

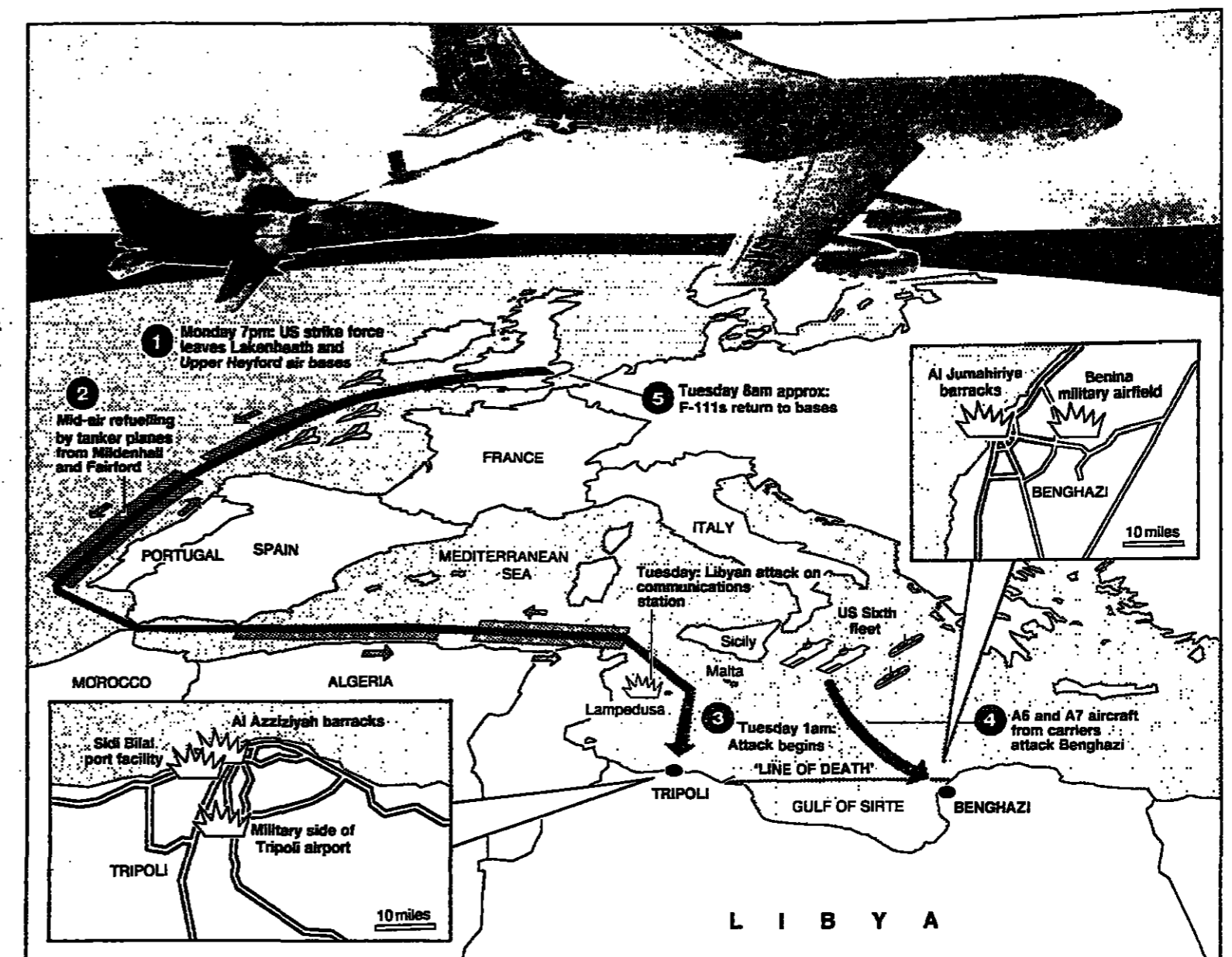
From Robert Fisk, Tripoli

put up a few rounds of bright pink tracer. Then a missile wobbled across the horizon, trailing a red glow. There was just a momentary image of an American jet illuminated by a spray of flares over the sea.

explosions. And that was all. In five minutes, the Americans had come and gone.

It took another quarter of an hour before the streets filled with motorists, all driving fast, presumably in search of relatives. It took even longer before someone thought of enforcing a blackout, and turned off the city's electricity system.

Did Colonel Gaddafi not think the Americans would come? An hour or so later, Libyan radio announced that some members of his family had been wounded, but that the man who likes to be the great revolutionary thinker was safe.



Key facts about Libya:

- POPULATION: 3.22 million (1982 official estimate). Sunni Islam is state religion. ● AREA: 685,524 sq miles. ● ARMED FORCES: 73,000 (selective conscription). Army 58,000, including armoured, missile and artillery battalions. Navy 6,500, six Soviet submarines, one large combat vessel, 24 surface and coastal patrol craft. Air force 8,500, some 535 combat aircraft, 42 helicopters. Reserves: 40,000 militia, 10,000 paramilitary. ● ECONOMY: Member of Opec. Last production quota 990,000 bpd (2m in 1979). Since 1980 oil earnings have dropped by 40 per cent and further drop is expected this year. ● RECENT HISTORY: Gained independence in 1951 after a decade of British and French rule. Colonel Gaddafi seized power from King Idris in a 1969 military coup.

Opec meets in Geneva

Gadaffi seeks oil embargo

From David Young, Geneva

He said that Arab oil exports to Britain should also be embargoed and that any other country which co-operated with airport facilities for US military aircraft should have exports halted.

Britain would also have little effect. Prices would inevitably rise as cheap cargoes were removed from the market, but North Sea output is high enough to meet demand.

The armoury

Libya has military options to hit back

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Although it is assumed that if Libya wished to retaliate against the air attacks it would do so by terrorist action, it does at least have the theoretical ability to mount more conventional military attacks against Europe.



Wreckage in Tripoli of what the Libyans claim is a US aircraft shot down during the raid.

A record of recent bitter relations

A chronology of the recent bitter US-Libyan relations: 1979, December: US Embassy in Tripoli burned. Washington suspends diplomatic activities, but embassy staff remain. US interests in Libya looked after by Belgium. 1980, May: US Embassy in Tripoli closed after attacks on French Embassy. Libya detains two US nationals, expels 25 others for alleged spying.

Myth of 'surgical bombing'

Continued from page 1

and the cars which had been tossed haphazardly around the streets by the bombs. A middle-aged man in a red turban had gingerly approached us, and quietly and very politely as if excusing himself for something insulting, said: "You know this. This is a civilian area. How could they have done this?"

Kremlin caution likely to override rhetoric

By Christopher Walker

Western security experts remained confident yesterday that the Kremlin would balk at any overt military moves on Colonel Gaddafi's behalf despite the fury with which it denounced the US bombing.

How America took the news

'Take that!' says the press amid fears the mad dog will bite back

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Americans yesterday gave overwhelming support for President Reagan's blow, saying "we have to show we are strong - this was long overdue". Dissent was hard to find.

The 'irrefutable' evidence

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The extraordinarily detailed disclosures by President Reagan of sensitive intelligence information about Libya demonstrates a hitherto unknown ability of the United States to penetrate the secret messages of other countries.

Sombre list tells story of carnage

Washington - Twenty five Americans were killed overseas in terrorist attacks last year, according to the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security (Moshin Ali writes).

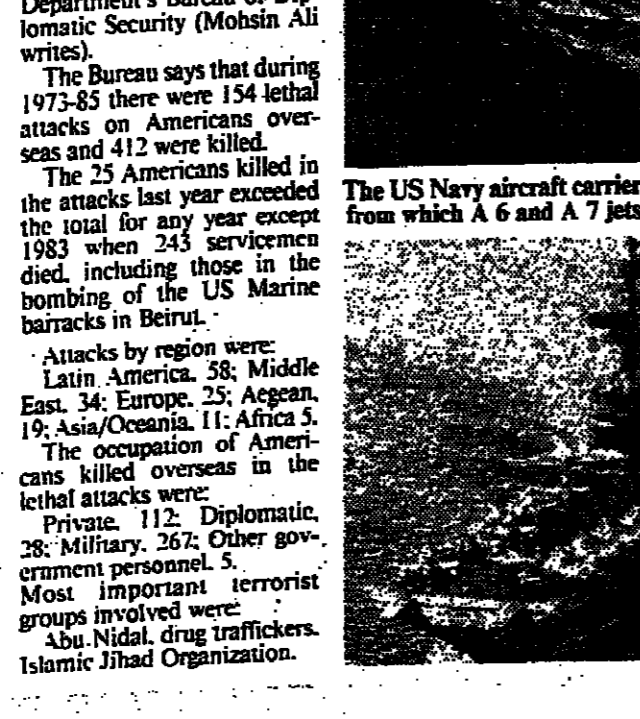
Spying on terrorism

The NSA operates out of a nondescript building on the road between Washington and Baltimore, surrounded by high fences with enormous many-shaped aerials protruding from rooftops.

Atacks by region were:

- Latin America: 58; Middle East: 34; Europe: 25; Aegean: 19; Asia/Oceania: 11; Africa: 5. The occupation of Americans killed overseas in the lethal attacks were: Private: 112; Diplomatic: 28; Military: 262; Other government personnel: 5. Most important terrorist groups involved were: Abu-Nidal, drug traffickers, Islamic Jihad Organization.

The US Navy aircraft carriers America (top) and Coral Sea, from which A 6 and A 7 jets bombed five targets in Libya.



1981, May: Reagan Administration, referring to Libyan "assassination squads", orders closing of Libya's Embassy in Washington and expulsion of Libyan diplomats.

August: Two F14 fighters from aircraft carrier USS Nimitz shoot down two Soviet-built Libyan fighters with missiles after being attacked during exercises off the Gulf of Sirte.

1982, October: Gadaffi says Libyan exiles who work against his regime face assassination.

1985, March: Gadaffi calls on guerrilla groups to launch organized "suicide missions" to topple moderate Middle East governments.

July: Reagan calls for Western campaign against terrorism. December: US accuses Libya of backing December 27 terrorist attacks at Rome and Vienna airports that killed 20 people and wounded 110.

1986, January: Reagan announces wide-scale economic sanctions against Libya and orders all Americans out by February 1.

March 14: Libya fires six anti-aircraft missiles at US jet near the Gulf of Sirte - "line of death". US Navy warplanes blast missile launch site and destroy two Libyan missile boats.

March 27: US Navy ends manoeuvres off Libya after twice bombing missile guidance base in Gulf of Sirte and firing on five Libyan ships, sinking three.

April 3: Bomb explodes on TWA flight 840 travelling from Rome to Athens. Four passengers, all Americans, killed.

April 5: Bomb rips through West Berlin discotheque filled with American troops, killing US serviceman and Turkish woman and injuring 150 people, more than a third Americans.

April 9: Two US aircraft battle groups in Mediterranean ordered to remain in the area. West Germany orders expulsion of two Libyan diplomats.

April 10: Gadaffi prepared to escalate violence against American targets if the US uses West Berlin discotheque and TWA bombings as an excuse to attack Libya.

April 14: EEC foreign ministers meeting at The Hague brand Libya supporter of terrorism, decide to restrict movements of Libyan diplomats in their countries. They refuse to impose comprehensive economic sanctions and urge Washington to use military restraint. That night, the US carries out air strikes against Libyan terrorist and related targets.

Bhutto success prompts Zia to threaten new emergency

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

Mr Aslam Khattak, the Interior Minister of Pakistan, has given a warning that the Government might reimpose the state of emergency, lifted in December after 20 years, if attempts are made to create chaos now that political activity has been permitted in the country.

Miss Bhutto, who now leads the Pakistan People's Party, on the sixth day of her campaign has stepped up her demands for immediate elections and for the resignation of President Zia ul-Haq.

The largest Urdu-language newspaper, which quoted the minister, said that his comments were made in the context of the tour of Punjab by Miss Benazir Bhutto, the most important anti-government leader.

Another report said that the administration might prevent Miss Bhutto from continuing her tour, which has been attracting vast crowds. Sometimes her cavalcade has been slowed to walking pace.

General Zia and other government leaders have rejected her demands.

Accounts of Miss Bhutto's public meetings and processions in the press show that she has been able to arouse considerable public sympathy for herself.



Mr J. Carter Brown, director of the National Gallery of Art, Washington, checks armour from "The Treasure Houses of Britain" exhibition which closed on Sunday after drawing large crowds during its 23-week run.

Suharto protest

Jakarta (Reuters) - Demonstrators waving Indonesian flags protested outside the Australian Embassy yesterday as Jakarta reacted strongly to Sydney newspaper reports about alleged financial dealings by President Suharto and his family.

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2lb hailstones bring death to celebration

Dhaka (Reuters) - A lethal hailstorm lashing the Bangladesh capital area has killed nearly 50 people and injured more than 400, bringing tragedy to colourful ceremonies marking the Bengali New Year.

Houses were flattened, communications disrupted and the windscreens of more than 700 cars shattered. Insurance officials said vehicle damage claims alone already had reached 7,500,000 taka (about \$170,000).

Defence objects to judge's questions in Artukovic trial

From Dassa Trevisan, Zagreb

Mr Andrija Artukovic, the wartime Minister of the Interior of the Croatian puppet regime, admitted during cross-examination on the second day of his trial for alleged war crimes yesterday that he had "heard of concentration camps", but denied vigorously having organized them or having issued orders for brutalities and large-scale exterminations of Jews and Serbs.

Mr Artukovic, aged 86 - who appeared an old, bewildered man on the first day of his trial - seemed astute and alert, answering clearly and remembering some events but choosing not to remember others as the presiding judge tried to establish his role in wartime atrocities.

Clearly dissatisfied with some of his replies, the defence objected formally to what they thought were leading questions put by the presiding judge. They said that Mr Artukovic was, at his age, prone to suggestions.

Mr Artukovic dodged his personal responsibility on several points, but vanity clearly overruled when the judge asked him whether he had enjoyed the trust of Mr Pavelic. He agreed, nodding with a broad grin.

13 held in football scandal

Rome (Reuters) - Police have charged 13 people with conspiring to rig results of Italian football matches in an alleged betting racket, and have served notices warning nearly 40 more that they are under investigation for fraud.

The 13 arrested include the goalkeeper and a trainer of the third division club Pro Vercelli.

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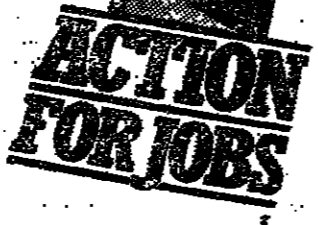
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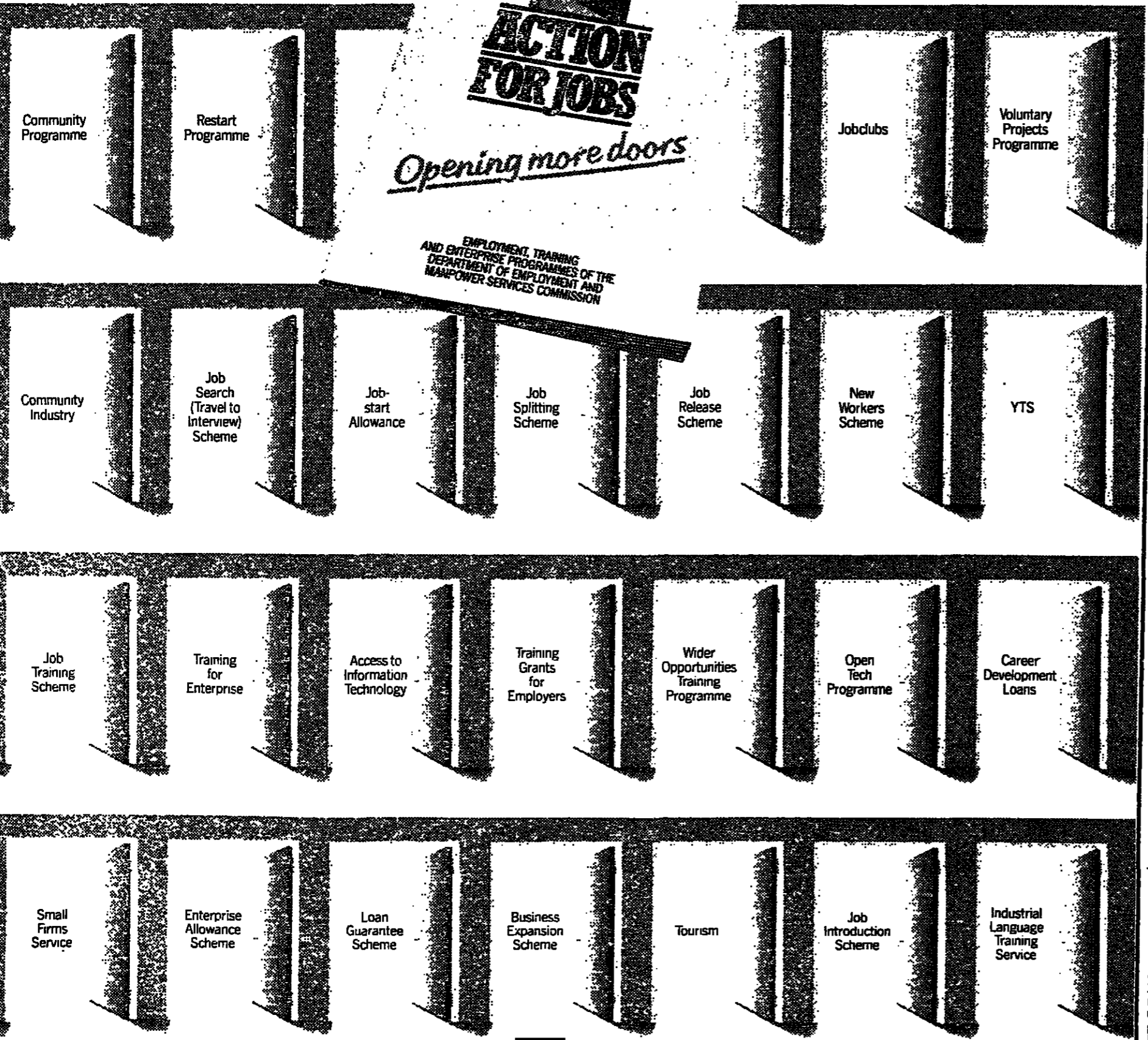
One thing is common to all: they are designed to help people help themselves and create jobs for the future.

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Execution still in 44 countries

By Our Diplomatic Staff

Amnesty International, the human rights organization, has evidence of more than 1,100 people being executed throughout the world in 1985, but these were only part of a much larger, unknown, total.

Amnesty said yesterday it had evidence of 1,125 executions, and 1,489 death sentences, substantially fewer than the 1,513 executions and 2,068 sentences in 1984.

It was impossible to know whether this reflected a change in the real numbers, because the true totals every year are believed much higher than those which could be documented, it said.

Amnesty counts only those cases on which it has individual details. From Iraq, where hundreds of people were reported to have been put to death for criminal or political offences, only 19 executions confirmed by the Government are included in the figures.

The documented totals for China, of 135, and 470 for Iran, are believed far lower than the real number executed in those countries.

Executions were reported in 1985 from 44 countries and death sentences from 61 countries, but the figures include only those cases in which some form of trial and sentence was believed or claimed to have taken place.

They exclude summary killings of prisoners reported from a number of countries.

Amnesty says it sees some encouraging developments in the movement to abolish the death penalty.

Flaws seen in UN plan for Cyprus

From Mario Modiano Athens

Athens and Nicosia have agreed that the latest United Nations proposals for a Cyprus settlement do not look at their key concern, the withdrawal of Turkish troops.

They say that the plan contains many positive points, but feel that some provisions undermine the concept of a unitary state and that there must be consideration of the troop withdrawal before an interim federal administration takes over.

President Kyprionou, who has just concluded his second round of consultations here with Greek leaders on the proposals submitted by Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, flew back to Nicosia last night.

The main object of the talks was to see how the Greek side could reject the de Cuéllar plan as a negotiating framework without taking the blame for another breakdown of the peace process.

The Greeks do not want to discourage him from pursuing his initiative further, and do not want to appear to antagonize the US, Britain and the Soviet Union, all of which, in varying degrees, have given their support to the UN effort.

They are particularly keen to ensure that the Turkish military presence should end before the establishment of a bicommunal federal administration, a point beyond which the Greek-Cypriots' freedom of action will be restricted by a Turkish Cypriot veto.

Hawke tour to protect Australia's farm trade

From Tony Dubouin, Melbourne

Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, left yesterday for a two-week tour to the United States and Europe in an effort to protect Australia's agricultural trade from being damaged by the trade dispute between Washington and the EEC.

The country's rural industries face being squeezed out of many traditional markets by the new US Farm Bill and the EEC's subsidized exports.

After talks in Washington, Mr Hawke will visit London, Brussels, Rome and Athens.

He claims that the common theme of the trip will be "the concern the Government has for the position of Australia's rural producers in the light of the corruption of international markets for agricultural commodities".

In Washington, he will ask the Administration to take account of the threat to Australian interests posed by the Farm Bill, which is directed against the EEC.

He will also press for agriculture to be discussed at the Tokyo summit of the major industrial countries and suggest that it should have a prominent place in the coming round of agricultural trade negotiations.

Mr Hawke will try to persuade President Reagan to endorse the protocol of the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty.

He will point out that the treaty is consistent with Australia's alliance obligations to the US.

It bans the storage and testing of nuclear weapons in the region and the dumping of waste, but in no way affects the transit of nuclear missiles.

In Europe, Mr Hawke will seek the resumption of Australian talks with the EEC after the recent unexpected cancellation of a visit by the Community's external relations commissioner.



Mr Hawke: Going out to fight for his farmers.

Swiss freeze funds held for Duvalier

Geneva - The Swiss Government has ordered banks in Zurich, Lausanne and Geneva to block funds held for Jean-Claude Duvalier, the former president of Haiti (Alan McGregor writes).

The order came direct from the Ministry of Justice, after a visit to Bern by Haitian Government officials.

A telex from Haiti yesterday asked Switzerland to take provisional measures pending a formal request for judicial aid on the assets.

Bokassa asks for children to be put in care

Paris - The woes of the impetuous former emperor of Central Africa, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, who is living in exile outside Paris, continue (Diana Geddes writes).

He now says he wants to place in care his six children because "they have nothing to eat".

Jean-Christian, aged 13, Jean-Bertrand, aged 12, and Marie-Elisabeth, aged 11, have already been put in care after shoplifting because they were hungry, he says.

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SPECTRUM

The cool head of a billion hearts

The Queen's role as head of the Commonwealth makes her titular leader of a billion people across 40 diverse nations, with many internal and external forces vying for supremacy. The fact that she stays above the fray is a modern political miracle, writes Henry Stanhope



For Queen and Commonwealth: Shridath Sareendranath (Sonny) Ramphal at Marlborough House, London

Sonny Ramphal, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth for more than 10 years, is one of the Queen's long-standing admirers. At Marlborough House, in the vast sunlit office which was once Queen Mary's drawing room, he spoke to *The Times* this week.

Since coming to the throne in 1952 the Queen has lost an empire but discovered a new role. For that she owes a debt to the prime ministers' conference of 1949 and to the political giants who dominated its proceedings - like Attlee, Menzies, Lester Pearson and perhaps most of all Pandit Nehru.

Nehru came to London with a request that his newly-independent republic might remain part of the Commonwealth despite having ended its own allegiance to the Crown.

By agreeing to the Delhi application and thereby overturning the so-called Balfour Formula, which had established the rules for entry 23 years before, the assembled premiers laid the foundations of the modern Commonwealth and ensured that King George VI, his heirs and successors, would preside over an expanding rather than a diminishing organization.

Today it contains 40 countries. Eighteen, including Britain, still acknowledge the Queen as head of state, 26 are republics which do not and the other five (Brunei, Lesotho, Malaysia, Tonga and Swaziland) have monarchs.

Not all were once ruled by this country. Radicals, revolutionaries, democrats, autocrats, capitalists, communists, First World or Third World - the one thing they have in common is membership of this curious British institution.

The Queen might be said to play mother to an extended family of around one billion people, spread over more than 10 million square miles of the globe. Some 13 per cent of this country's trade is conducted with its members and between 70 and 75 per cent of its overseas aid finds its way to one part of it or the other. It is therefore of material importance to Britain.

But perhaps its greatest value lies in its East-West, North-South spread at a time when Britain is becoming increasingly enmeshed, militarily, economically and now politically in Europe. It is an organization on which the sun never sets, providing links to parts of the developing world which might realize their potential in the 21st century. As such it is larger and more significant than the French equivalent - an association for the most part of small, underpopulated states which France is still able to dominate.

The Queen visits the Commonwealth once or twice a year and, by calling on Belize last Autumn, has now been to all of the 49 states. But the most significant event in the organization's calendar is the Commonwealth heads of government meeting (CHOGOM).

Relations are not always easy. By entering the European Community Britain began to steer a course which could only complicate its links with Commonwealth states. The CHOGOMs have historically been dominated by one or more issues which have found the Commonwealth less united than its progenitors might have hoped.

The most notable recent example was last October's Nassau conference, when Britain found itself virtually isolated by its refusal to impose comprehensive economic sanctions on South Africa.

That the Queen manages to remain above all of this is one of the wonders of modern politics. But it is important that she should. If the Commonwealth did not exist not many would seek to invent it, but fewer still would seek to destroy it. There are those who say that if the Queen performed no other function, her position as head of the Commonwealth would make the monarchy seem worth preserving.

Although the Queen has no political or executive powers over the Commonwealth, she exerts a moral influence and we have come to depend upon her more and more as the years have gone by. She played a very important part for instance at the Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Zambia in 1979 when the Lusaka Accord was signed. That agreement set up the Lancaster House talks on

the future of Rhodesia which was the issue of overseas students' fees - which have become so high that the number of students coming to this country's universities from other parts of the Commonwealth has been in decline. It really is a very important factor in Commonwealth terms, and she senses that intuitively in a way that ministers don't.

But it's also a subject on which she feels free to have a view and to express it. She is also very conscious of the value of the BBC External Services. I cannot be specific about the way in which she has helped. But on issues like this she can encourage a more sympathetic attitude, without becoming involved in politics.

A very good example of where it all might have gone wrong was the CHOGOM last year in Nassau. For the Queen

to remain above it all on a question which had divided Britain from the rest of the Commonwealth (that of economic sanctions against South Africa) might have seemed to imply that she was taking Britain's side against them. In fact that notion did not for one moment obtrude. Not for one moment did anyone suspect that she might enter the arena or do anything else but try to bridge the divides which existed, in the interests of the Commonwealth.

She is a unifying force of great symbolic value, partly because she really does care about the Commonwealth and partly because she knows so much about it. For one thing she has been head of the Commonwealth now for a very long time and has emerged as the senior head of state. Nobody has occupied

his or her position longer, which means that she has grown up alongside a number of other leaders, presidents and prime ministers.

A very good example is Julius Nyerere of Tanzania who was a young president when she was a young Queen. Another is Lee Kuan Yew whom she remembers as a young prime minister and is now in the latter days of his career. She has travelled widely round the Commonwealth and knows a great deal about these people and their countries.

She knows them by their first names. She not only calls Nyerere 'Julius' for instance but would refer to him as such when mentioning him to me. She always seems to be happy in the Commonwealth and very relaxed when with us. She never seems to regard her

Commonwealth responsibilities as a chore.

Her next big Commonwealth engagement will be the Commonwealth Games at Edinburgh in July. Then she will be with us at the CHOGOM in Canada next year. She usually arrives a day or two before, to undertake an official visit to the country where it is being held. Then her stay extends into the conference itself for several more days while she sees all the heads of government.

She is a unifying force of great symbolic value

She does so in a variety of ways. There is always a dinner and a reception for officials. But more important than anything else she sees each of the heads of government individually. You'll see them getting up and slipping away in the middle of the meeting - Mugabe, Kaunda, Seaga, Lee Kuan Yew, for a private meeting on Britannia or at the Governor-General's house.

However radical or republican they may be they all go, and I have never known anyone who has not highly valued the opportunity. It's very friendly, but it's not small talk. She always knows the political situation in the country, the key issues confronting it and where the shoe is pinching economically. It's a very serious discussion and I have known young prime ministers, meeting her for the first time, emerging amazed by the extent of her knowledge.

I can testify to this myself. I have personal access but use it with discretion. I would obviously go to discuss a forthcoming CHOGOM with her, but might also go along at other times. When things are breaking or brewing between her private secretary and myself there might come a time when he might suggest: 'Perhaps it's time you had a chat with the Queen.'

Whatever the subject I always find that she has worked hard at her briefs and is extremely well informed. Both by virtue of her role and the qualities she brings to it she has become a tremendous asset as a unifying force.

Breaking away with mixed feelings

Not every former colony welcomes the monarchy with open arms. In some, adulation has turned to apprehension, as our foreign correspondents report

CANADA

The reign of Elizabeth II has witnessed the full flowering of Canadian independence and nationhood. Yet curiously the ties that bind the country to the Crown remain strong. To an extent this is a tribute to the Queen.

Commonwealth relations have been a cornerstone of Canadian foreign policy since the war. Through the Commonwealth this country has attained a degree of influence among Third World countries that otherwise would never have been possible. And the monarchy is the visible symbol that holds the Commonwealth together.

Despite everything, however, the long-term position of the monarch as Canadian head of state remains obscure. French-speaking Canada feels no particular attachment to the monarchy. When the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Canada, as they did in 1984, tour organizers make sure that they avoid

French-speaking Quebec. That way there is no chance of embarrassing demonstrations.

Nor does the approximately one third of the population whose ancestral ties are neither British nor French have much attachment to the Queen.

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the former prime minister, waged a campaign to make the governor general - the Queen's representative in Canada - this country's de facto head of state. He did this by sending him on "state" visits to foreign countries and by altering some of the instruments of the vice-regal office. In practical terms, the Queen is now head of state only when she is in Canada.

At the same time Canada's new constitution, proclaimed by the Queen herself in 1982, is a guarantee against any alterations of the official position of the Crown except by unanimous consent of the Provinces and of both Houses of the Canadian Parliament.

John Best

ZIMBABWE

A six-by-four-foot portrait of the Queen still observes from the wall the tussled conferences and lobbies outside the entrance to Zimbabwe's Senate.

"She's not there because we love the royal family, but because she is the head of the Commonwealth", said a parliamentary official.

A similar portrait graced the library of the men-only Harare Club, refuge of the captains of Zimbabwe industry, until 1983. Although no one admits it, it is commonly known that its removal was to save the white establishment from becoming involved in a public row over the extent of its commitment to the independent state of Zimbabwe. She is still regarded by left-leaning political scientists here and by the more zealous among the ruling Zanu (PF) party, as a symbol of colonial oppression.

The Queen has not visited this country in her official capacity, although as princess she accompanied her father on a Southern African tour in 1947. But she is still the best-known head of state among Zimbabwe's people and the general popularity of the Royal Family could be seen from the way the Prince of Wales



With Canadian Premier Brian Mulrooney in Ottawa

was mobbed by enthusiastic black teenagers when he arrived here in 1980 to hand over the instruments of power.

Feeling runs higher in neighbouring Zambia. In 1979 the Queen had been advised against opening the Commonwealth Conference in Lusaka, while threats of Rhodesian strikes loomed. But she insisted on coming, and thousands of Zambians lined the streets from the airport into town to accord her an emotional welcome - a mark of respect for her decision to ignore the anxieties of her advisers.

Jan Raath

GRENADA

The Queen is decidedly less popular in the Caribbean island of Grenada than President Reagan, who has become something of a folk hero.

The historic identity with Britain changed abruptly with the American invasion, which Grenadians prefer to call a "liberation", in October 1983. The intervention by the USA and several other Caribbean states, to restore democracy after one Marxist regime had displaced another in a violent coup on Grenada, was the dominating issue at that year's

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting at Delhi. Britain's coolness towards the operation however, caused immediate anger, which has since given way to a curious incomprehension and, in some, a lingering resentment towards Britain.

Almost everybody feels that the United States should now be the guiding force for the future, and that the British connection is, in reality, all but over. Late last year the Queen visited the Spice Island aboard Britannia and opened the newly refurbished parliament building, which had degenerated into little more than a store room during the years of autocracy.

Britain symbolically paid for the restoration. And the pomp and ceremony was all extremely British. But the Queen was given what at best can be described as a subdued welcome. Grenadians were clearly demonstrating that they now feel firmly in the American sphere of influence wherein lies the promise of bountiful dollars and, most of all, liberation from the huge unemployment brought upon them by incompetent and corrupt governments.

Christopher Thomas

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Baby sings the blues

Meal-time battles and sleepless nights need not be permanent features of bringing up baby, writes Lee Rodwell

If you were to ask parents which areas had caused them most concern in bringing up their children I confidently predict that two things would head the list: sleeping and eating.

Countless parents like myself, who know the worry, frustration and anger often caused by sleepless nights or meal-time battles, will no doubt, welcome the publication this month of two books which offer reassurance and constructive advice on both eating and sleeping difficulties.

Dr Richard Ferber set up the Centre for Paediatric Sleep Disorders at the Children's Hospital in Boston in 1979. In his book, confidently titled Solve Your Child's Sleep Problems, he says: "The most common problem, for example, sleeplessness in young children, has proved the easiest to treat: even an infant or toddler who has never slept through the night can begin doing so within a few days with the right assistance from parents."

Although Dr Ferber's book deals with a variety of problems - from babies who wake at the crack of dawn ready to start the day, to teenagers who don't fall asleep until the early hours of the morning and then can't get up for school - it is his assertion that parents of young children need no longer face night after night of broken sleep that seems the most revolutionary.

My son has got used to my going in to him, offering a drink and a cuddle



and tucking him up again. Those are the conditions he associates with getting back to sleep in the night - and to solve the problem, says Dr Ferber, I have to change his sleep associations.

'Cure is harder on the parents than it is on the child'

You wait a little longer before returning if the crying continues, say five minutes more. Then you repeat the brief visit. This time you wait for 10 minutes before going back. You decide on the maximum time you can stand to leave them crying without going in - perhaps 15 minutes - and you continue to return at 15-minute intervals until the child falls asleep.

instinct a little bit. You see, if you go to your child and rock him or give him a drink it does seem as if you are meeting a need. But once you understand you are teaching him to associate these things with going back to sleep, then there is some rationale behind not doing them. You are not just leaving them to cry - you are letting them learn they can go back to sleep on their own.

'Simple advice is the hardest for parents to heed'

better having small meals with snacks in between - particularly if the snack is reasonably nutritious and not too filling. Problems arise if the snack is filling but not nutritious as the next meal will be refused as the child feels full.

Dr Haslam is well aware that modern parents worry whether their children eat the right kind of food. His advice is to throw out the charts that list essential vitamins, minerals and so on, stop worrying about whether you are providing enough protein, fat and carbohydrate and simply offer a varied diet.

He says: "If anything, it is not a question of children not getting enough of the essentials, it is of them getting too much of other things - things like fat, sugar and salt."

At the same time he suggests taking a broad viewpoint. "The majority of children - even when going through their faddy phases - still get enough of the essential foodstuffs. Certainly if you look at an individual day, then many children will not get their average daily requirements of many nutrients. But - and this point is essential - taken over a period of time, what a child eats and what he needs are actually remarkably similar."

He suggests keeping a food diary, which will not only put your mind at rest by showing how much you child actually eats, but will also show you when he is hungry and when there are problems. You can then think about the timing of meals and try to work out a regular routine to keep to.

He also suggests offering smaller helpings. "Children's appetites vary from age to age. You might expect a toddler to eat much more than a younger child, but the two to three year olds naturally eat less, so you should be giving them smaller not larger helpings. If they want more they can always ask for it."

'Remember that children tend to eat in haphazard ways - they are not so likely as adults to want three square meals a day. Toddlers in particular are

Safe but stylish: designer homes for old hands

Most of Britain's pensioners live in homes built for families but fraught with risks for the old, says Suzanne Greaves



Age aid: Mrs Hamlyn and her mother

The apparently straightforward task of converting her mother's flat into a home more suitable to the needs of an active but not so agile elderly woman, revealed for Helen Hamlyn the safety plight of Britain's 10 million pensioners - 95 per cent of whom live in homes designed for families but fraught with hazards for older occupants.

As the wife of Paul Hamlyn, a director of News International (publishers of The Times) and publisher of Octopus Books, it might have been tempting for Mrs Hamlyn to install a companion or nurse and then, free from worry for her mother's safety, pursue her busy life as interior designer and hostess in the three Hamlyn homes.

Instead, angered by the lack of concern shown by manufacturers and shopkeepers for the needs of one-fifth of the population, she scoured Europe and the United States for household appliances and more comfortable furniture, that would enable her mother, octogenarian Mrs Constance Jones, to remain independent.

Her shopping snowballed as friends with parents living alone came to her for advice. They wanted to know where to find clothes with easy fastenings; asked about easily-gripped, gardening tools and wanted Mrs Hamlyn to design kitchen and bathroom modifications.

If friends were impressed with Helen Hamlyn's crusading concern and growing knowledge, so was her husband. Instead of whisking her away for a holiday of a lifetime on her 50th birthday recently, he presented her with an elaborate scroll.

On it were written the terms of The Helen Hamlyn Foundation, a tax-exempt charity he had endowed for the development of the physical and social environment in which older people could lead full and useful lives.

someone on their own to fasten a dress. At 80, my mother was popping along to the local pool for diving lessons and motoring around London, so she needed no nursing care. But she did need to live in an environment free of slippery flooring or hazards which result in a broken hip or twisted ankle.

Like anyone else with a problem, Mrs Hamlyn turned to friends for help. In her case they happened to be influential people: international company executives, publishers, architects - and Sir Terence Conran, the chairman of Mothercare/Habitat. Anxious to help and doubtless impressed that retired people currently command a combined disposable income approaching £1,000 million, Sir Terence agreed to head the judges in a design competition organized by The Helen Hamlyn Foundation in association with Age Concern, the Conran Foundation and the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers.

There were 150 entries, all design products to help elderly people stay safe at home, and 16 have been commissioned for further development. Next month the winning project will be exhibited at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

are stark and scarce. He would like to see well-designed goods advertised on television, pitched to the needs of a generation which spends some £20 billion a year.

Sitting in the calm interior of the Hamlyn's Bauhaus-designed home, the world of the hard-up, immobile pensioner seems far away. But strewn over the coffee table are plans for a flexible kitchen with adjustable shelves and working surfaces to accommodate even wheelchair-bound occupants. Mrs Hamlyn hopes this kitchen will form the basis of a core of specially-designed rooms that can be used by architects of purpose-built flats for elderly people.

British Rail are delighted with the success of their Senior Citizen Rail Cards and Saga Holidays, specialists in travel for the elderly, have no shortage of takers. Small wonder that Helen Hamlyn is convinced we are at the threshold of a new commercial era of pensioner power. "New Designs For Old" runs from May 29 to July 3 at the Boilerhouse Project, Victoria & Albert Museum, London.

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Divided by region, united by loyalty

Italy is something of a constitutional hybrid. The state has been decentralized, but not to the point of making the country a federation. And this despite the fact that regional loyalties remain very strong.

After 15 years of experimenting with a particular brand of regionalism, some Italians admit with relief that the worst fears expressed at the time it was launched have not been justified. Others are convinced that potentially it remains an example of advanced constitutional thinking to be followed elsewhere in Europe.

From the beginning of the process of uniting the country in the mid-19th century, there was a current which saw the best framework for the new nation in terms of a decentralized state. Shortly before he died, Cavour himself had set up a commission which had the task of proposing legislation to provide a new administrative basis for the young state. The three elements foreseen were those that exist today: the municipality, the province and the region.

Partly because of Cavour's early death, the idea of devising an administrative framework suitable for the newly united country went into abeyance and the structure already established in Piedmont, the state around which Italy was unified, was applied to the whole country.

The idea of regionalism was not dead, however, though it made little practical progress and was kept strictly in the background during the Fascist period because Mussolini's view of the state was that it should be united and strong.

Hence it was only logical that after the war the republican constitution should have introduced regionalism into Italian life. However, the politicians kept the country waiting nearly a quarter of a

century before approving the necessary legislation for applying what the republic's founding fathers required. The condition of a constitutional hybridism was not just that Italy was a cross between a federal and a centralized system but also how far the semi-autonomy permitted by the constitution was politically expedient.

The Christian Democrats were on the whole in favour of establishing the regions but, after a massive electoral victory in 1948 which gave them an overall majority, their enthusiasm waned. There appeared to be little point in subdividing the country into regions which would have been partly controlled by the opposition. Their political interests were better served by forgetting what the Constitution laid down. It was not until the Socialists entered the coalition with the Christian Democrats in the early 1960s that the matter was seriously raised again. The exceptions to this rule were the five special regions whose claims to a wide degree of autonomy were seen to require urgent treatment. These were, first, Sicily, Sardinia and the Valle d'Aosta, all of which received their status of semi-autonomous regions even before the Constitution came into force in January 1948. They were followed in 1948 by Trentino-Alto Adige and in 1963 by Friuli-Venezia Giulia. All these areas had particular problems of minorities or a strong autonomous tradition (reaching the level of sporadic outbreaks of separatist feeling in the two islands).

There is a distinction between these five special re-

gions and the remaining 15. The five have more autonomy, in keeping with their greater divergence from the common run of regions. The 15 ordinary regions had to wait much longer for legislation, first to establish them and then to devolve power to them. The debate introducing this legislation was the longest in the republic's history. It was not until 1971 that this basic aspect of the Constitution was finally honoured.

Another form of hybridism only too quickly showed itself: that is the difference in social outlook and democratic political development between North and South. There have been changes in the meantime but not fundamental ones.

Apulia, for instance, has made progress as a result of successful economic initiatives which distinguish the Adriatic coast of Italy from the Tyrrhenian. Sicily has learnt to live more successfully through its own legislative assembly and administration in Palermo and Sardinia looks much less well disposed towards Rome now than it did a decade ago. This is in great part due to the collapse of the new industries installed there and largely based on petrochemicals.

The marked difference between North and South re-emerged dramatically last month when there were demonstrations and roadblocks in the South and processions of southern administrators through the streets of Rome following application of a law permitting owners of buildings constructed without a licence to have them registered with the local municipal

offices if fines were paid. The size of these would depend on the extent of the illegal building and when it was carried out.

The demonstrators argued that southerners should not have to pay the fines, nor should have them substantially reduced, because in many parts of the South any building was illegal, due to the fact that the municipalities had no town planning regulations. The point was most clearly made by one Sicilian town where the percentage of unlicensed building was said to have reached 100.

The protesters had a point but they could have been accused of having left their protest too late. They should have made their difficulties known in the normal course of the debates on this measure in the national parliament and in the regional assembly. One answer to that perhaps naive assumption is that in the Italian gamut of municipalities, provinces and regions, it is frequently the mayor who is most in contact with public opinion, certainly not the province, nor, as yet, the representatives of the regions. The fundamental point, and a bitter one, was that national legislation accepted by the North could not be applied in the same way in the South.

There were originally two principal aims of regionalism. The first was to cut down the oppressive weight of the cumbersome central bureaucracy. The object was to decentralize and reform what remained of the central civil service.

The second aim was to help release the energies which Italians derive from an awareness of local loyalties. Local patriotism, despite all the great social changes in Italy and the long series of migrations from countryside to town and from South to North, remains strong.



Differences that block
the path to progress
in a nation that
strives to be
together

The regions were the last-born of Italy's administrative institutions and, appropriately enough, the Minister for the Regions, Carlo Vizzini, a Social Democrat from Palermo, is, at 38, by far the youngest minister in the present government.

Although not at all starry-eyed about the present state of regionalism, he avoids being led into making comparisons in performance between one region and another.

The history of the regions is diverse, he says. In particular, the south still suffers from the same differences between it and the north which were present when the regions were set up by law. Apart from the greater social and economic problems in the south, there is "a much more intense level of quarrelsomeness" among southern regional politicians and this brings with it a kind of administrative paralysis.

Signor Vizzini sees some of the obstacles to regional development in the circumstances of the regions' birth. Even those in favour of the regions differed among themselves as to what their function should be. The constitution lays down their fields of activity: agriculture, town planning, tourism, communications, hospitals and health services, local police forces and professional training — but there is room for differing interpretations as to whether the region should be regarded primarily as a political or a social and economic institution.

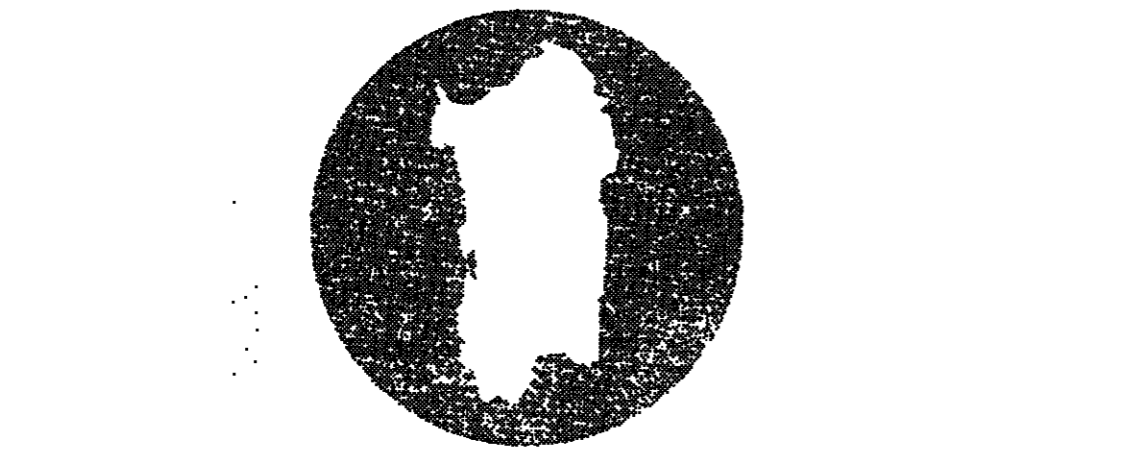
The timing of their formal birth was unfortunate in yet another way. It coincided with the comparatively brief period in Italian affairs when national economic planning was fashionable. The concept went well with the idea of regional-

then the purpose is to exploit it. That would be the general view of the country towards its administrative framework.

A more substantial reason as to why the regions have taken longer to settle down is that they were established too late. Had they come into existence 10 years earlier, their developing years would have coincided with the period of economic expansion instead of recession.

They had a hard birth but new ideas are emerging which should improve their functioning and broaden their role within the constitution.

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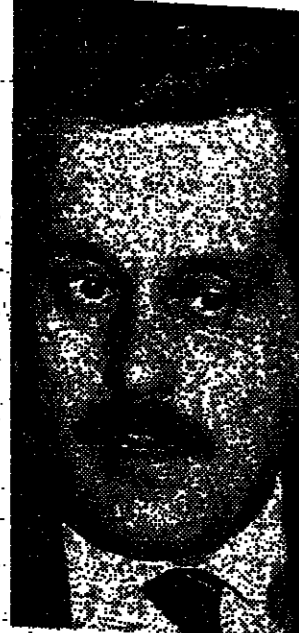
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Vizzini: "With decentralization, Italy missed a chance to overhaul the apparatus of the state — there were no changes at the centre"

ism because it would have imposed a national pattern on economic development while allowing the regions their share in shaping policy. The partnership looked admirable, but planning made very little impression and the early attempts at producing plans were soon discarded as "books of dreams".

Signor Vizzini sees an opportunity missed in the failure to use regionalism as a means of overhauling the whole apparatus of the state. "The regions were born as instruments of decentralization but there were no changes at the centre and so duplication resulted. Some offices were left intact which no longer served any purpose and should have been abolished. They should have rethought the state in terms of relations between the central authority, the regions, provinces and municipalities. They even left the provinces and the municipalities under the Ministry of the Interior while setting up a separate ministry for the regions."

"Hence it is essential that the two ministers should have a good working relationship if local government is to work smoothly. A single ministry supervising all forms of local government would work better and cost less."

He is in favour of the idea now before parliament that a permanent regional council should be set up which would be presided over by the prime

minister, assisted by the minister for the regions as vice-president. This would be useful "in bringing back a horizontal relationship between the regions and the centre and between individual regions. It should also allow the abolition of a large number of special commissions dealing with regional relations with the centre. According to someone who likes counting, there are at present 90 of these."

There was also room for simplification in relations with the European Community. When, for instance, they are drawing up an integrated Mediterranean plan, the details are worked out by Signor Vizzini's ministry with the agency for financing southern development and by the head of the regional administration concerned. They decide what they want to do and then they take their ideas to the EEC. "Probably there are too many of us involved", he says.

However, despite the shortcomings Signor Vizzini sees in the way the regions were established and how they have developed, he believes that lately there have been signs of improvement. "They are becoming increasingly a reality. An experience of only 15 years cannot be regarded as more than a settling-in time."

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Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister: Italy now has a plan to set up a permanent regional council under his chairmanship

Clearly, one of the national responsibilities is an effective transport network. Claudio Signorile, the Minister for Transport, has just published a plan for the next decades which was devised in consultation with regional leaders.

The existing transport system is forced to cope with demands in a chaotic and disorganised way. During the next few years it will be necessary to develop a highly co-ordinated and more selective structure. The railway network will have to be trimmed down and made more efficient. A modernized and efficient port system will consist of seven main ports.

The aeroplane will replace the train as a means of long distance transport, but Alitalia will lose its monopoly on internal flights in Italy. This will leave space for some smaller companies.

At present five ministries and 16 different institutions and administrative bodies are involved in the transport sector. The transport plan proposes to do away with this fragmentation, which often results in waste and inefficiency. Instead a single programming, controlling and administrative centre will be set up. For this purpose the CIPEI (Interministerial Committee for Transport Programming) will be created.

It is estimated that the demand for transport services will increase by 45 per cent during the next 15 years. It is therefore necessary to rationalize and improve the system. Experts have established the existence of six main routes they call "multi-usage corridors", along which most national and international traffic flows. They cross Italy from north to south along the coasts and from west to east in the centre-north regions. There are also plans for new routes to cross the country in the south.

The existing network will have to be improved and traffic flow made easier by separating freight from passenger transport. According to the authors of the plan, it will be necessary to expand railway links between large and medium-sized cities located not more than 300 km (190 miles) from each other. Long-

distance connections (over 700 km) will be eliminated. Milan and Rome, Turin and Venice, Rome and Bari will be connected by fast non-stop (the so-called "intercity") trains.

Signor Signorile has also proposed to extend the so-called "Diretissima" express line between Milan and Rome to Naples. To make this possible, it will be necessary to concentrate investment on only a part of the railway network.

With regard to motorways, the present system is sufficient. All that will be necessary is the completion of already scheduled works, such as the stretch between Livorno and Civitavecchia, and the widening of the stretch of the Autostrada del Sole through the Apennines.

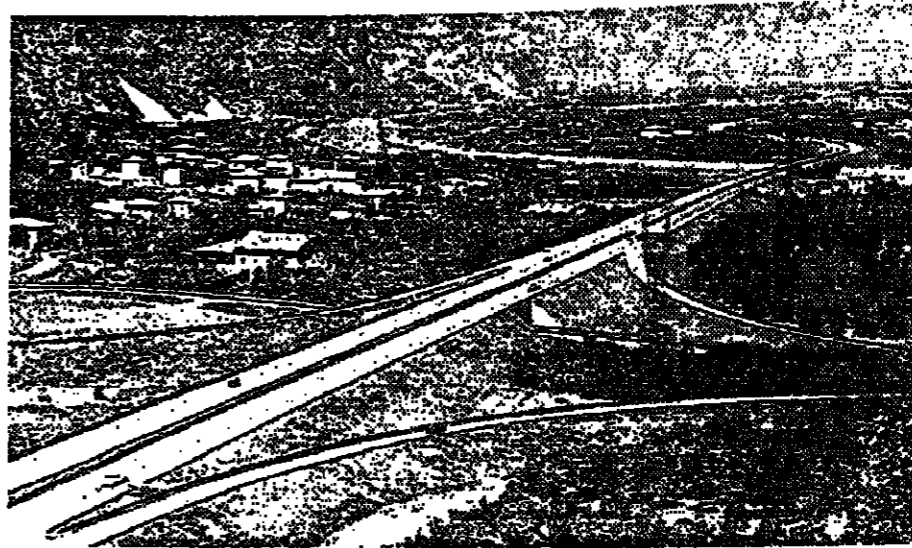
Action on ports will have to be much more radical. According to the plan, the 146 existing ports will be reclassified in seven port systems. These will be fitted into a complex consisting of sea-ways, roads, railways and river systems.

In the field of air transport, state-owned Alitalia will re-

main the principal company. However, smaller private companies have been allowed to enter the market to service less frequently travelled routes.

Another important point concerns the speeding up of customs procedures, fundamental for a modern transport system. Today, lorries transporting goods are obliged to stop for up to four or five hours at border crossings. These delays cause a loss to the Italian economy estimated at some 700 billion lire (£280 million). According to existing European conventions, the waiting time at border crossings should not be more than 10-15 minutes.

The jewel in the crown of Signor Signorile's plan is the proposed bridge over the Straits of Messina. The 3.3 kilometre (2.06 mile) single-span suspension bridge would be the longest of its kind in the world (more than twice the length of the Humber Bridge). It would stand 80 metres above the water and would be held in place by two 400 metre high towers. The bridge would carry trains running along two tracks between a six-lane high-



Graceful and functional: The Brenner autostrada in northern Italy

way. It is estimated that it will cost about 5,000 billion lire (£2 billion) and that construction will take between eight and ten years. Signor Signorile expects work to begin in 1988.

At present trains between Rome and Palermo must interrupt their journey while the rolling-stock is loaded onto state-owned ferries. The crossing between the mainland and Sicily takes only 15 minutes, but loading and unloading operations take over an hour. People, cars and lorries are carried across by private ferries.

The Straits of Messina, only 3.3 kilometres wide at its narrowest point, is swept by

winds that frequently reach 100 kilometres an hour. Engineers say that the bridge would be able to withstand winds up to 200 kilometres per hour. The Straits lie in one of the most earthquake-prone areas in the world, with a fault passing right in the middle. The bridge would have to withstand a tremor higher than 7.5 on the Richter scale.

Critics are sceptical that the bridge will ever be built. They say that it would be a waste of money and of resources better employed elsewhere. Some point out that the South is dotted with what are called "cathedrals in the desert". A

good example lies only 32 km north of where the bridge would be located, at Gioia Tauro on the mainland. There, the state built a port that cost billions of lire, but was never opened.

Signor Signorile insists the bridge will be built. He points out that it is only the most visible part of a vast investment plan that would bring immense economic advantages. The plan will also provide the means to reduce the Mezzogiorno's chronic unemployment, which is running at double the national average.

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Powerhouse in the north

Milan is experiencing a "big bang". More modest and different in nature from what will hit London in October, its impact is nevertheless as far reaching on the country's financial life.

Investors on the Bourse have seen their shares double in value in 1985 and go up by another 50 per cent this year. But it has been much more than a question of fat profits. For years the Bourse used to be a gaming table patronized by smart-alec speculators and insiders playing a narrow market. The number of shares is still limited, but the ordinary public has joined the play.

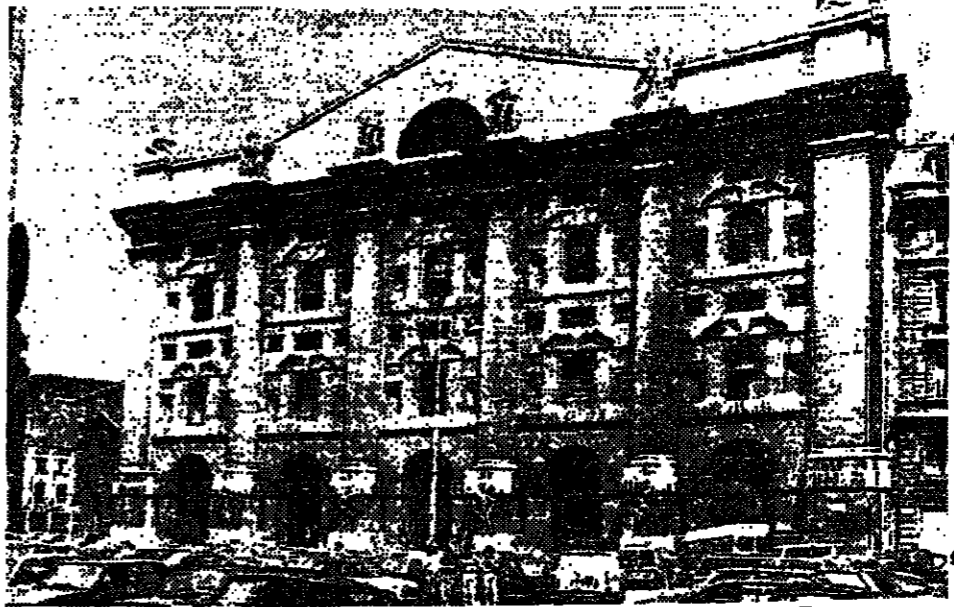
This has become possible thanks to legislation since mid-1984 permitting the establishment of domestic unit trusts for Italians, whose personal savings rate is nearly as high as that of the Japanese, now put their money into units instead of the traditional havens of houses or tax-exempt treasury bonds. Moreover, foreign buyers have appeared on the scene.

Milan, capital of Lombardy — a region with nine million inhabitants, as many as Belgium — is the financial and economic powerhouse of Italy.

It is the natural point of entry for foreign banks wishing to become established in the country. The leading banks of Britain and the Commonwealth are here, either with their own offices or in joint ventures with Italian banks. Milan is also the seat of the British Chamber of Commerce for Italy whose secretary, Walter Dales, retired at the end of 1985. He spent many years in promoting business links between the two countries.

Barclays has become the most deeply involved of British banks in Italy, though its operations last year suffered a loss. It is the only one to be involved so far in unit trust management, albeit as partner in a small management group.

Since the first domestic unit trust was launched in June 1984, the 43 funds so far authorized have gathered nearly 37,000 billion lire



Symbol of speculation: Foreign buyers are now flocking to the Milan Bourse

(£16,000 million) in subscriptions by March. And, together with 10 Luxembourg-based funds previously allowed to operate, may amass 60,000 billion lire (£26,000 million) by the end of the year.

The trusts have invested in bonds and government securities as well as shares. But taking shares alone, daily turnover on the Milan Bourse is often more than 300 billion lire (£130 million), compared with an average 38.7 billion lire (£16.8 million) during 1985.

Merit is once again being rewarded

Will the bubble burst, or will at least the froth boil over? Ettore Fumagalli, President of the Bourse, is the first to admit that the index cannot always go up, but he believes that most of the gains have a sound foundation. Milan, he argues, has in the last year been brought into line with world stock markets. Much of its climb reflects underlying realities.

Foreigners, particularly British and Americans, have, in Signor Fumagalli's view, been quicker than many Ital-

ians to realize that the investment climate was changing. Political stability seems on the way, Italians are working hard as well as saving hard, and that merit is once again being rewarded.

In his estimate, between 2,000 and 3,000 billion lire (£1,300 and £2,170 million) of foreign money flowed into the Bourse in 1985, much of it via London.

Similar optimism is expressed by Giovanni Palladino of Studi Finanziari, a subsidiary of the Istituto Mobiliare Italiano (IMI) merchant bank, who wrote in a report that between 1960 and 1977 Milan had the longest bear market ever experienced by a stock exchange in the industrialized world. It saw its capitalization dwindle from 48 to 3 per cent of gnp.

The recovery really began in 1977, when the Pandolfi law — named after the then Christian Democrat treasury minister — abolished double taxation on dividends.

The irony now is that it is the political left wing which has been taking the upsurge in the Bourse seriously. Signor Fumagalli observes that Bettino Craxi, the Socialist Prime Minister, was the first

head of government to visit the Bourse (on December 9). The Communist Party organ *L'Unita* has since last year been publishing daily stock prices for its readers. Among new applicants for a Bourse listing is the left-wing co-operative movement's fast-growing insurance company, Unipol. An increasing number of companies is seeking a quotation on a stock exchange which is still small — only 221 equities listed — and lopsided. As Signor Palladino's study makes clear, government securities accounted for 67 per cent of the Bourse's capitalization in 1985, bonds 16 per cent, and shares only 17 per cent.

The government, in principle, favours the partial privatization of public sector companies. But the equity market is still dominated by five groups — Agnelli/Fiat, the state-owned IRI (Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale) conglomerate, Assicurazioni Generali (insurance), Montedison (chemicals) and de Benedetti/Olivetti (electronics, food, etc) — whose market capitalization is three quarters of the total.

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In search of a new image

More than any other Italian region, Liguria faces problems of industrial transformation like those of Britain, says Rinaldo Magnani, Premier of the regional government. In his view "an enormous jump has to be made, from mature productive activities to the new technologies linked to electronics, information technology and robotics."

Liguria, a long sliver of mountainous coastline, has become the weak link in the industrial triangle in which, together with Lombardy and Piedmont, much of Italy's industrial development since the war has been based. Its strength lay in sectors now in decline, such as steel-making, heavy engineering, shipbuilding and shipping.

Tourism, another important source of revenue, is also seeking to adapt to changed circumstances. The Villa Hambury botanical gardens at Ventimiglia near the French frontier are a reminder that the attractions of Liguria's mild winter climate were discovered by the British upper and middle classes more than 100 years ago.

Now, its cramped coast has to accommodate mass inclusive tours concentrated in the summer months. The British link lives on the regular flights by British Caledonian to Genoa, whose patron saint, George, is shared with England.

Attempts to break provincial habits

If the region's economy has been in decline, so too has its political life in recent years. A former regional premier, Alberto Teardo, is one of a group of members of Bettino Craxi's Socialist Party who have received court sentences for financial offences while in office.

The regional authorities have a way to go if they are to break out of provincial habits and present to the world an image of a modern and forward-looking Liguria in 1992. That is when they will celebrate the discovery of America by Genoa's most illustrious son, Christopher Columbus.

In the economy several firms stand out from the general air of decline, such as Italmipianti, a leading pit contractor, and Ansaldo, which has moved from conventional engineering into nuclear equipment and other areas of high technology. Both are in the state-owned IRI (Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale) group.

Striking progress has been made by the port authority, Il Consorzio Autonomo del Porto di Genova, which administers Italy's biggest port, most of it on land reclaimed from the sea and including the airport and IRI's Cornigliano steelworks.

A few years ago the authority had a bad record of

industrial disputes, with a workforce of 8,400 doing jobs which could be performed by 3,400. The 9.9 million tonnes of cargo handled in 1980 sank to 7.6 million in 1983.

In February 1984 Roberto d'Alessandro, now aged 51, came as president from a management career in private industry. In May that year he wrote in a report that continuance of the existing situation "would mean asking for an endorsement for disaster and I as an administrator, in accepting it, would be guilty of dereliction of duty."

A development plan was therefore drawn up and complete reorganization, involving part-privatization, began. Financial contributions were called for from users for new capital investment, and much of the deficit was made a charge on public funds.

The reorganization is at

three levels. The port authority or *consorzio* (consortium) remains with a role of overall direction, planning and control. Immediately underneath, a management company has been established, its capital divided between the *consorzio* (40 per cent), the regional government, the users, the dockers and the co-operative movement, each with 15 per cent.

At the lowest level, a series of operational companies have been or will be set up for individual sectors — containers, general cargo, bulk cargo, ship repairs, oil terminal, airport (a new airport building is being opened this spring), warehousing, telecommunications, and so on.

The capital stakes vary in each operational company. The basic idea is that the capital should be divided between the port authority, local

authorities, users and workers. The dockers' organization, CULMV, is among the shareholders. It operates a closed shop and resembles not so much a trade union as a guild. The downward trend has been reversed. The development plan sets a target of 13.6 million tonnes of goods traffic for 1987, which, with further capital investment yet to be secured, should rise to at least 25 million tonnes by 2000.

Container capacity is being increased from 350,000 to 430,000 a year, and then to more than 600,000 at the end of 1987. The port authority plans to invest in a further container port at Voltri to the west, and claims that by the end of 1989 the Genoa complex will be the first port in the Mediterranean able to handle a million containers a year.

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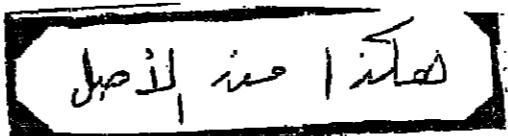
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Sicily, sunny and sleepy, but still crime-plagued

Mafia land's defiant co-ops

Photographs of Edward VII, George V, the Kaiser and other European royalty looked down on the corridor outside the meeting room in a Palermo hotel of the executive committee of the International Co-operative Alliance.

The British sovereigns, on visits respectively before and after the First World War, sat in informal groups amid refreshments on the terrace. Further down the corridor hung prints of the Grand National of 1839, "engraved by special permission of the Earl of Sefton".

They recalled a different way of life, when Sicily's links with Britain were closer and the Mafia did not tend to dominate conversation. Now the British connection has all but disappeared. Sicily comes under the consular district of Naples and the Anglican church in the city centre stands empty.

The meeting of 15 members of the ICA executive committee, at which the British representative was Lloyd Wilkinson, general secretary of

A valuable means of creating jobs

the Co-operative Union in Manchester, was a reminder that there is more to Sicilian life today than the Mafia. As a meeting it was routine. But since 1986 is the centenary of the foundation of the League of Co-operatives - one of the three main organizations into which the movement in Italy is divided - it was decided to hold the event in Italy. Palermo was chosen to mark the ole which the movement lays in promoting development in the economically backward south.

Dino Tuttolomondo, the league's regional president in Sicily, stressed in a speech that is a valuable instrument for fighting the Mafia and for promoting jobs in an area of unemployment well above the national level. The Mafia has own its hostility by exploding bombs in recent months at young people's market gar-

High tech in the south

The region of Apulia is everything that one would not expect it to be, and for this reason it is creating an important role for itself in the development of the most advanced form of Italian regionalism.

The stereotype impression of a southern region is that it suffers from a stagnant, largely agricultural society with a few misplaced examples of heavy industry which have failed to find their feet in the arid southern soil. This failure breeds a sullen resentment which helps to promote organized crime.

Apulia refuses to conform to these preconceptions. To begin with the last, it was fortunate to escape the attentions of the drug traffic organizers. Mafia members now on trial in Palermo have given a detailed picture of how the drug traffic is organized in the south, mainly in Sicily, Calabria and Campania.

Apulia has been traditionally free of the grip of serious criminal associations such as the Mafia and the Camorra in the Naples area.

Fortunately, the large-scale drug traffickers who saw the attractions of the region's open and accessible beaches were halted by a massive round-up of Mafia and Camorra suspects before their plans could be implemented. And so the scourge of organized crime, which has done

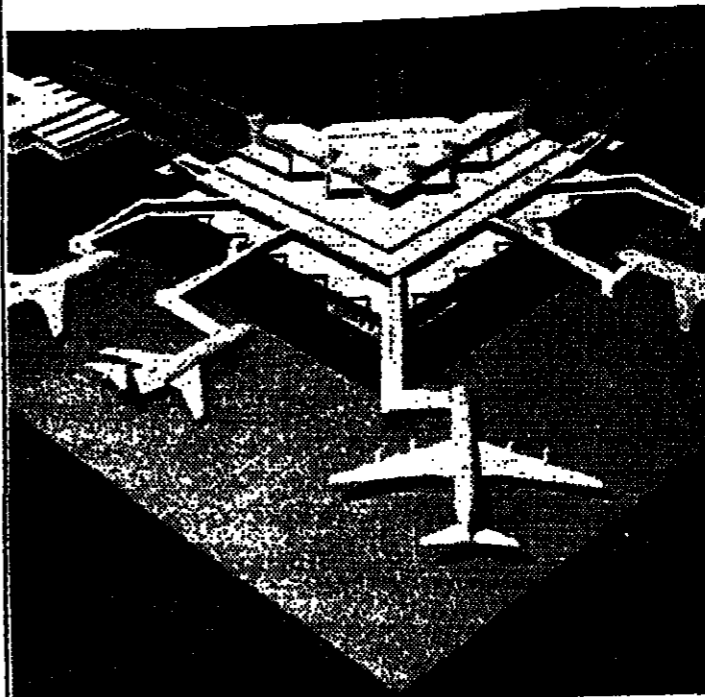
so much to block the economic development of Calabria and parts of Sicily and Campania, still has little place in Apulian life.

Apulia is the south-eastern extremity of Italy, the most Mediterranean of the mainland regions. Yet its regional policy is influenced by the conviction that the natural partner for the region is the European Community, and Brussels.

The principal artistic attractions in Apulia have nothing to do with the Renaissance or very much to do with the glories of ancient Rome: they are the great Romanesque buildings, cathedrals and castles, which are northern in style and associated in many cases with the 13th century Hohenstaufen ruler Frederick II.

Although a German emperor, he was brought up in southern Italy, mainly in Sicily, where he learnt Arabic, was protected by the Saracen soldiers in the way the British in India used the Gurkhas, aimed at uniting Italy as part of his empire and failed because he incurred the Pope's opposition.

No greater mentor could be found, however, for the idea of an Apulia (one of Frederick's nicknames was "the boy from Apulia") closely integrated with Europe beyond the Alps. Industrially, Apulia is showing great interest in high



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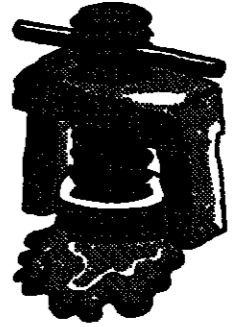
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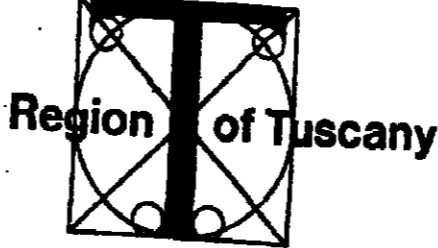
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An estimated £4.7 billion was wiped off the value of British Stock Exchange companies yesterday as the impact of the Libyan crisis spread waves of uncertainty through the stock market. Both the FT 30 index and the broader-based FT-SE 100 index fell by more than 28 points while the chaos induced by the Libyan situation was felt in all sectors of the market.

Cash offer for Pegler

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Woodrow up

Taylor Woodrow lifted pretax profits from £44.2 million to £53.6 million for the year to December 31. Turnover rose to £812 million. The dividend for the year is up from 15p to 17.5p.

Glaxo surge

Glaxo, the pharmaceuticals company, lifted profits from £195 million to £260 million before tax in the six months to December 31. Turnover rose from £92 million to £686 million. The interim dividend is 4p.

Bowater falls

Bowater Industries, the paper and packaging company, saw profits fall from £35.7 million to £32.4 million before tax in the year to December 31. Turnover rose from £1.77 billion to £1.29 billion. The final dividend is 5.5p.

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Good Relations says it is not in talks with any third parties. The public relations company was replying to a request from the Stock Exchange following weekend press comment.

Deal cleared

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry has decided not to refer to the Monopolies Commission an arrangement between Northern Foods, Dairy Crest Foods and Unigate to acquire some of each other's assets.

Spong offer

Spong has declared its offer for Rowland Gaunt unconditional after receiving acceptances for 82 per cent of Gaunt shares. The offer remains open.

Opec studies new output quotas

A new system of oil output quotas linked closely to seasonal demand patterns is now under discussion by the 13 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Indications emerged yesterday that even if the new quotas were agreed on during the meeting here, they would not come into force until late June or July and this would do little to force up world oil prices.

Guinness heads for victory in battle for Distillers

Guinness was last night heading for victory in the bitter four-and-a-half-month-old battle for control of Distillers, the Scotch whisky group. With just three days left before the £2.7 billion takeover fight comes to a close, Guinness has built up a commanding lead over its rival, Mr James Culliver's Argyle supermarkets group.

Lloyds bid valued at over £1bn

Lloyds Bank, the smallest of the big four clearing banks, yesterday announced the terms of its bid for Standard Chartered Bank which, if successful, would create the largest bank in asset terms in Britain and one of the widest geographical exposures of any bank in the world.

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Lloyds persists with a sub-Standard offer

After the anticipation built up during last week's phoney war between Lloyds and Standard Chartered, the bid, when it finally came yesterday, looked rather disappointing. Lloyds had hung back for a full week, saying that it was waiting for the publication of Standard's official reports and accounts, while Standard's share price rose and the market began to assume that Lloyds must be concocting a more tempting offer than its original suggestion.

Berrill makes sense

The report of Sir Kenneth Berrill's working party into the corporate structure at Lloyds is remarkably uncontroversial, in sharp contrast with the formation of the working party last September. The former chief executive of Lloyds, Ian Hay Davison, resigned because he saw it as a threat to his independent position. No sooner had he resigned than Lloyds announced that the terms of reference of the chief executive would not be changed.

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A refurbishment programme, coupled with a rationalization of lines, helped the chain store side increase profits from £7.2 million to £12.6 million with sales rising by £18 million to £481 million. However, Mr Desmond Picher, the chief executive, described the return on sales as still "most unsatisfactory" and said he wanted the current 2.6 per cent level raised to "something approaching 10 per cent".

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WALL STREET

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street stocks went lower after a jittery opening yesterday following the US air strikes on Libya. Traders noted uneasiness but no immediate conviction backing a larger sell-off. They said investors were awaiting further developments. The Dow Jones industrial average, which was down five points at 1,800 shortly after opening, reversed a little later to 1,808.04, up 2.43. The utilities average also edged upwards to 189.42, up 0.25. The 65 stocks average was up 0.14 at 703.13.

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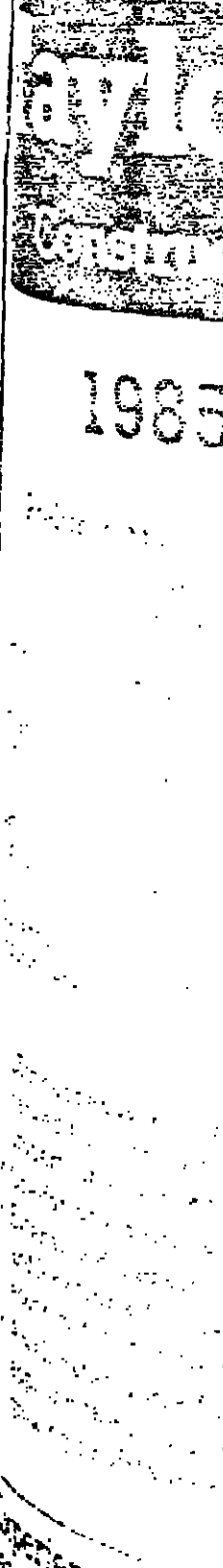
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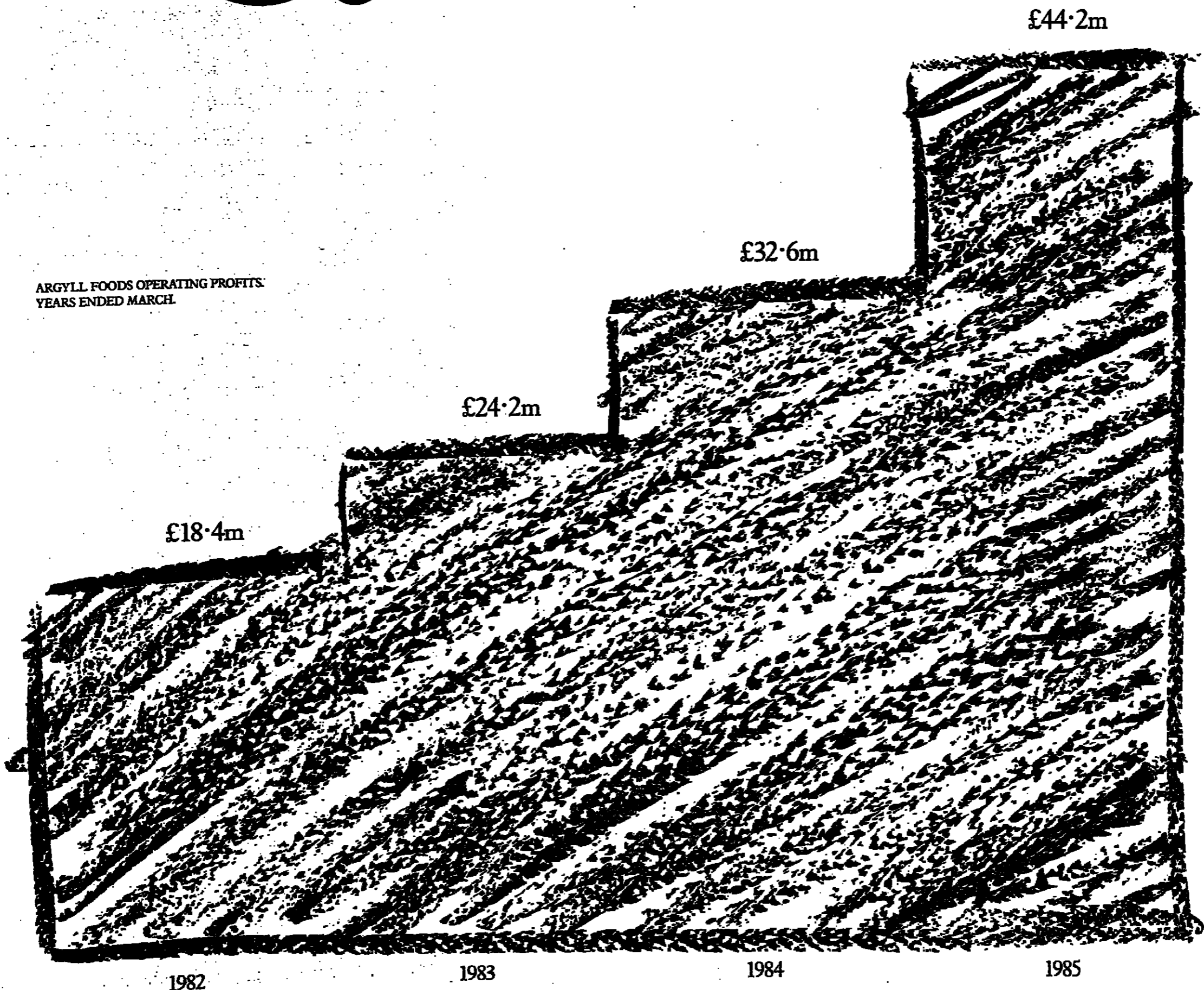
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Taiwan finds that forgers are bad for business

By Simon Scott Plummer

The largest Taiwanese mission ever to visit Britain arrives in London today on the fourth leg of a six-nation tour of Europe...



The big, bad wolf hands the little pig a bomb: anti-counterfeiting propaganda in Taipei.

British companies are no doubt familiar with the economic achievements of Taiwan. They are also aware of its reputation as a counterfeiting centre.

sub-standard brakes, bicycles, tools, watches, pens, clothes, shoes, medicines and toiletries, tennis rackets, sunglasses and spectacle frames...

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Law Report April 16 1986 Cassettes and records are not 'apparatus' in Act against pirate radio

Redd v Department of Trade and Industry. Lord Justice Glidewell. A pirate radio operator was allowed to recover cassettes and records which had been ordered to be forfeited when he had pleaded guilty to two offences under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court held that for the purposes of the 1949 Act, as amended by the Telecommunications Act 1984, the term 'apparatus' included speakers used in connection with the playing of records and cassettes, but not the records and cassettes themselves.

General Accident

Further and more substantial recovery in prospect

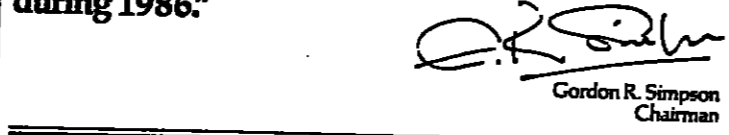
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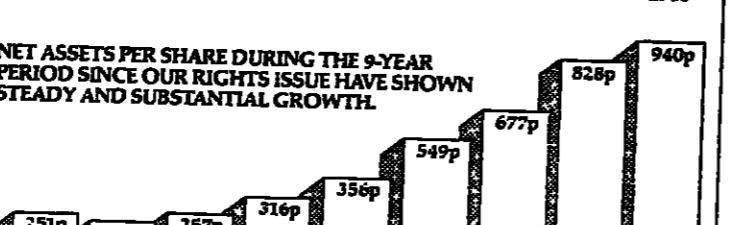
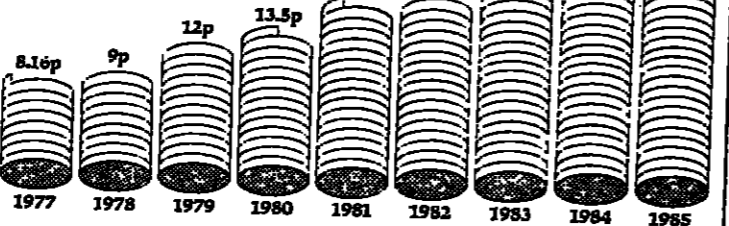
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Gordon R. Simpson, Chairman



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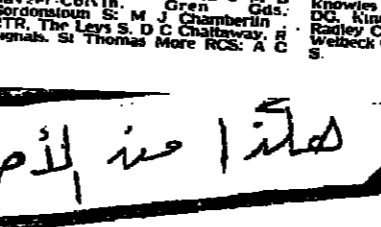
Hitchi Sales (UK) Ltd v Mitsui Osk Lines Ltd. Lord Justice Glidewell. A court order requiring a person to do an act would be invalid for failure to comply with Order 42, rule 2(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court if it did not specify the period within which the act was to be done.

That order was made on May 13, drawn up on May 16 and served a few days later. The order was not complied with and judgment was entered against the defendants.

The defendants sought to set aside the order for non-compliance with Order 42, rule 2 which provided that "a judgment or order which requires a person to do an act must specify the time after service of the judgment or order, or some other time, within which the act is to be done".

Sovereign's Parade

- List of names and titles: Princess Anne represented the Queen at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on Friday...



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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Shares slump

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 14. Dealings end April 25. Contango day April 28. Settlement day, May 5. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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This is Energy Efficiency Year, and the largest single event is likely to be the Energy World Exhibition taking place at Milton Keynes later this year. Promoted by the Milton Keynes Development Corporation, the exhibition is co-sponsored by the Anglia Building Society and has the full support of the Department of Energy.

Some 30 developers from the UK, Scandinavia, West Germany, USA and Canada, will be building 50 of the most energy-efficient houses to be seen in Britain. These will range from large detached family houses with a market value over £100,000 to small starter homes and one-bedroom flats. There have been various attempts to get builders and house-owners interested in energy saving, but so far little has been achieved.

The Electricity Council has now entered the field by launching a pioneering design for all-electric energy-efficient homes after several years of research into highly insulated low energy houses. In co-operation with Rendell Homes Ltd, part of the Lovell Group, it is providing 16 rather special houses amid a development of 200 homes of the award-winning Medallion design, at Devises.

These particularly energy efficient

homes use controlled ventilation and a heat recovery system to provide a continuous supply of clean, fresh air to the living rooms, while removing moisture and odours and helping to prevent condensation. The heat recovery system, in conjunction with electric space heating using the less than half price economy tariff, and the high levels of thermal insulation, will give occupiers very low heating costs, the Council claims.

The heat recovery system is designed to save energy by reclaiming 60-65 per cent of the heat produced by domestic appliances, people and the sun shining through windows and adding it to the incoming fresh air. This energy efficient house specification has evolved following years of research at the Electricity Council Research Centre at Capenhurst, near Chester. It is intended as a progression from the industry's Medallion award scheme for private sector, low energy housing which has produced 90,000 dwellings since the scheme was launched in 1978.

Estimated weekly running costs, for space and water heating only, for the new energy saving houses are £3.50 for a 2 bedroom detached bungalow, £4.00 for a 3 bedroom detached bungalow and £4.50 for a 4 bedroom detached bungalow.

Work with solar heating, and saving with the other forms of energy such as gas and oil, goes on apace and makes those with older houses from more than somewhat when their heating bills arrive through no doubt energy inefficient letter boxes, prompting them to think a little more about that side of housing costs.

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The cottage they carried to Hertfordshire

The Old Cottage, Brookmans Park, in the heart of the Green Belt near Potters Bar in Hertfordshire, is a half-timbered Sussex farmhouse which was moved from its original site to its present home in 1924.

It has three reception rooms, four main bedrooms and two bathrooms, with a guest or granny flat of two bedrooms. Outside there is a brick play house and a range of outbuildings, standing in more than two acres, which include a swimming pool and a timber chalet. John H. James and Tuffells are asking for offers over £500,000 for the freehold.

Plot Cottage at Poley near Lymington, Hampshire, was built in 1980 and is situated on a large landscaped garden and the New Forest. The four-bedroom house has three reception rooms and a number of outbuildings, and a little boathouse in the garden, ideal for a children's summer house. James and Tuffells are asking £165,000.

Jersey's loser

Croft, in Somerton, Oxfordshire, is an impressive village stone house built in the 1860s originally as a country house, which was reputedly lost by Lord Jersey as part of a wager. At the turn of the century an imaginative developer placed battlements between the stepped gables to make one western facade which has the house's distinctive appearance. The house, with grand views across the Cherwell valley to Deddington and beyond, has three reception rooms, five bedrooms and two bathrooms, and the gardens are a particular feature, landscaped by the present owners and planted with 480 trees in 1983. Savills' Banbury office is asking for offers around £150,000.

Benham and Reeves are selling a house in Linnel Close, Hampstead Garden Suburb, close to King Constantine's home, which was originally owned by the founder of Maples store. He converted a first floor room into an exact replica of his study at Oxford University, using Jacobean style panelling and craftsmen from the University to create the right effect. The asking price is £435,000.

Fit for a Queen

Newbury House, near Mells, on the Somerset-Avon borders, is a Grade II listed house probably dating from the William and Mary period, which was once the home of the Beauclerk family.

During the Second World War it was occupied by the late Queen Mary, and is now for sale and in need of restoration. The house, of colour-washed brick with freestone dressing, has a reception hall, four principal reception rooms and four main bedrooms, with two self-contained wings, and five second floor bedrooms. With a coach house and stabling, it is set in 100 acres and has a driveway over four acres. Dorman Reeves of Bath are seeking offers over £300,000.

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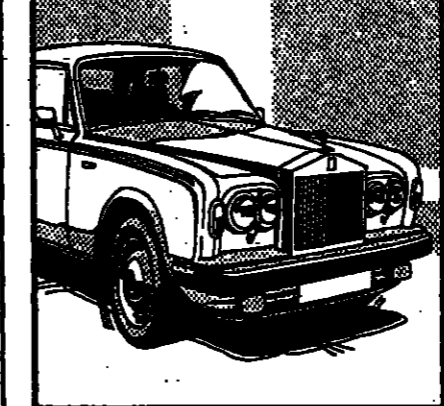
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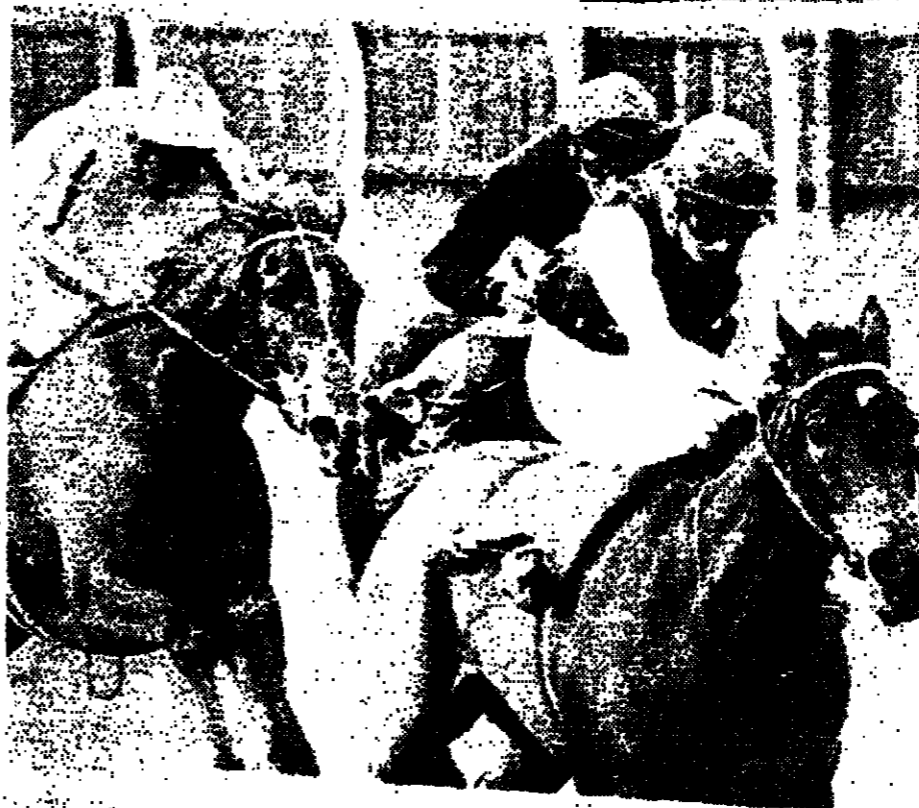
Supreme Leader should display brilliant command over ideal distance by Sonic Lady

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Supreme Leader is napped to begin his four-year-old career in style at Newmarket this afternoon by winning the day's most valuable race, the Earl of Sefton EBF Stakes.

Although there are only nine runners, the Ladbrokes European Free Handicap is still as open as ever. My feeling is that the finish may be dominated by the Eddery brothers, with Pat on Luna Bid just getting the better of Paul on Sperry.

Sheikh Mohammed's flying filly, Sonic Lady, is all the rage for the 1,000 Guineas after sweeping clear to a three-lengths victory in yesterday's Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket.



Sonic Lady speeds home from Lady Sophie and Ala Mahlik (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Newbury's other important trial, the Fred Darling Stakes, on Friday, had suggested that there was a question mark against Colopis and Dolka taking their chance in the Guineas.

On Kingscote on Friday's show-down at Newbury, the afternoon Stote had a setback when another of his promising fillies, Royal Nugget, could manage only eighth place behind the 4-1 favourite, Zalatia.

Pat Eddery, the former champion and the season's leading rider, kept up his recent spate of winners with a clear-cut success on Geoff Wragg's Digger's Rest, who readily outpaced Below Zero by two and a half lengths in the Ladbrokes Handicap.

Bill defeat quashes hopes for Sundays

Plans to introduce Sunday racing in Great Britain have received a significant setback with the defeat in the House of Commons of the Government's Sunday trading legislation.

Disappointment was also expressed by the Racecourse Association, whose Chief Executive, Mr. John Haynes, said: "In all probability Sunday racing will now founder."

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Includes 'NEWMARKET C4' and 'Television: 2.35, 3.10, 3.40, 4.10'. Lists various races like 'WOOD DITTON STAKES' and 'GREEN DESERT' with horse names and jockeys.

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Printing hitches affect new paper

A printers' hiccup deprived most of southern England and the Midlands from seeing the first copies of the Racing Post, the new papers' daily, backed by the Maktoum family of Dubai, which was launched yesterday in opposition to The Sporting Life.

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Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Includes 'Television: BBC 1: 2.30, 3.5, 3.40. BBC 2: 4.15. Going: soft'. Lists races like 'HOLMAN CUP HANDICAP CHASE' and 'ROADER' with horse names and jockeys.

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Catterick results

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Results. Lists various races like 'ROCKALL' and 'MORNING STAR' with winners and jockeys.

Jockey Club date for Davies inquiry

Tim Forster, 16, is to face an inquiry by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee on Wednesday, April 30. This follows a complaint by Michael Hinchliffe, the trainer of Premier Charlie, over Davies's riding of the horse at Wolverhampton last month.

RIPON

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Includes 'Going: heavy (7.30am inspection)'. Lists various races like 'HACKFALL APPRENTICE HANDICAP' and 'DANBY SELLING HANDICAP' with horse names and jockeys.

Course specialists

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Lists various races like 'NEWMARKET' and 'RIPON' with horse names and jockeys.

PERTH

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Includes 'Going: good to firm, hurdle course; good chase'. Lists various races like 'BLACK WATCH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE' and 'STORMONT NOVICE CHASE' with horse names and jockeys.

Blinkered first time

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Lists various races like 'NEWMARKET' and 'RIPON' with horse names and jockeys.

4.15 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS CHASERS

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Lists various races like 'STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS CHASERS' with horse names and jockeys.

4.50 EVESHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Lists various races like 'EVESHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' with horse names and jockeys.

Perth selections

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Lists various races like 'PERTH' and 'STORMONT' with horse names and jockeys.

Ripon selections

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4.30 STUDLEY ROYAL HANDICAP

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Lists various races like 'STUDLEY ROYAL HANDICAP' and 'SPA WELTER STAKES' with horse names and jockeys.

4.15 ATHOLL NOVICE HURDLE

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Details. Lists various races like 'ATHOLL NOVICE HURDLE' and 'SCONE PALACE HANDICAP CHASE' with horse names and jockeys.

4.45 SCONE PALACE HANDICAP CHASE

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RUGBY UNION: UNUSUAL MATCH AT HOME FOR A MEETING OF THE MINDS

Lions aiming to conquer the challenge from rest of world

Delegates to the International Rugby Football Board's centenary congress...

Two massive presences will loom over the line-out, the 6ft 8in Dooley against the 6ft 7in Cutler...

Asked if the aim today was to entertain or to win, Lochore said: "Nobody plays the game to lose."

"My philosophy of the game is very simple: I believe all players should be involved at all times."



Massive presence: Dooley will loom over lineouts in Cardiff

Italian seasoning

England will take a B party containing 11 senior caps on their two-match tour to Italy next month...

The most experienced member of the party by far is Carleton, the Orrell wing who was in England's initial training squad in October...

BOXING

Christie is back to his old self again

An eliminator for the British middleweight championship does not sound too grand against the plans of Tony Sibson...

Christie has little to gain by sticking his chin out, though he has to put up a reasonably meaningful contest...

It will be interesting to see what steps, if any, Ernie Fossey, his new trainer, has taken to keep his chin before injury...

FOOTBALL

Restored Schuster aims to make Swedes see stars

Göteborg's European Cup dreams will be buried under a six-goal avalanche in Barcelona tonight...

Barcelona will score four goals in the first half and two more in the second...

Archibald is convinced he will recover in time to lead the Barcelona attack...

FOOTBALL

Sexton is going for all-out attack

Dave Sexton, manager of the England Under-21 team, plans an all-out attacking force...

Sexton has a much stronger squad, announced yesterday, for the second leg...

England, the holders of the championship, beat Italy in the semi-finals of the last competition in 1984...

TENNIS

Exotic play among the hedgerows

The polyglot community of international tennis has returned to the Cumberland Club at Hampstead...

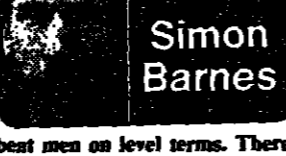
Courteau, aged 22, was seeded eighth. He is a busy little baseliner...

Eight of Britain's ranked men and six of the ranked women are in the French mixed title...

To get back to Hampstead, one of the distinguished guests is the former Chilean Davis Cup player, Patricio Rodriguez...

Horse sense and sensibility

"How did it go on Saturday, Caroline?" "Oh, he was absolutely super. He jumped brilliantly, carried me round clear. I was so pleased for him."



Simon Barnes

Three-day eventing is the most searching test of the relationship between horse and rider yet devised...

"Women are new to it," Miss Holgate said. "Maybe in time they will be as good as the boys..."

Perhaps it is comforting not to take too seriously a sport so demanding of physical courage in which women so regularly

can be found in the form book and, with the odd exception, the horses meant little to me...

Top jockeys make the strongest possible counter-claims for their own field. I wonder if women are better at building these relationships than men...

YACHTING

Blyth issues a challenge to his rivals

Chay Blyth threw down the gauntlet to his multihull rivals from Britain and France yesterday to compete in a proposed 24-hour grand prix...

Blyth, who is chairman of the race committee, said yesterday that all of Britain's leading multihull skippers were expected to take part...

FOR THE RECORD

Table with multiple columns listing sports events, winners, and scores across various categories like Football, Golf, Tennis, etc.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table listing today's fixtures for various sports including Football, Rugby Union, and Squash Rackets.

FIFA are incensed by end-of-match fight

Zurich (Reuters) - An International Football Federation (FIFA) official yesterday warned of strong action after the brawl at the end of Monday's friendly between Uruguay and the World Cup hosts, Mexico...

At the final whistle, a fight between the players broke out behind one goal and newspaper photographers showed the Uruguayan goalkeeper, Rodolfo Rodriguez, aiming kicks at a Mexican player.

Monday's results

Table listing results from Monday's football matches across various leagues.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Table listing entertainment listings including theatres, cinemas, and galleries.

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Today's television and radio programmes

BBC 1

6.00 Cerefas AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank... 12.30 News At Ten with... 1.00 Pebble Mill at One...

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain... 8.15 Good Morning Britain...

ITV-LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines... 11.30 About Britain... 12.00 Football... 12.30 News at Ten...



Bill Oddie: Meaning of Dreams, on BBC1, 9.30pm

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Computing... 9.00 Film: Eternal Love... 11.30 About Britain...

CHOICE

The superior knowledge of the analyst who, learning that Oddie experiences nightmare...

CHANNEL 4

2.15 The Lordships' House... 2.30 Channel 4 Racing... 4.30 Countdown...

Radio 4

On long wave, VHF variations at end of Radio 4 listings... 6.00 News: Financial Report...

CHOICE

Then, perhaps somebody will find a cure. 'THE BEST KEPT SECRET' (Channel 4, 8.30pm)...

Radio 4

6.00 News: Financial Report... 7.00 News: The Archers... 8.30 News: The Archers...

Radio 3

8.05 Weather: 7.00 News... 8.55 Morning Concert: Arnold (English) Dances...

Radio 2

On medium wave, VHF variations at end of Radio 2 listings... 11.40 Music from Romania...

Radio 1

On medium wave, except for VHF variations... 6.00 AM: Adrian John 7.30 Mike...

World Service

6.00 Times: 6.30 Morning News... 7.00 News: 7.30 Development...

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 105.5kHz/265m; 108.9kHz/275m; Radio 2: 683kHz/433m; 908kHz/433m...

BBC1

Wales, 5.35pm-6.00pm... 6.30 News and Weather... 7.00 News: Woman's Hour...

Channel 4

10.30-11.00 Accidents... 11.30-12.00 Accidents... 12.00 News: Woman's Hour...

HTV West

As London except... 7.00 News... 7.30 News: Woman's Hour...

HTV Wales

As London except... 7.00 News... 7.30 News: Woman's Hour...

TSW

As London except... 7.00 News... 7.30 News: Woman's Hour...

Central

As London except... 7.00 News... 7.30 News: Woman's Hour...

Granada

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ITV

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S4C

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GRAMPIAN

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Yorkshire

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Anglia

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Scottish

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Ulster

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Sexton going for all attack

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